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PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

—OF—

Genesee, Lapeer, and Tuscola Counties,

MICHIGAN.

CONTAINING

Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens,

Together with Biographies of all the

Governors of the State, and of the Presidents

OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO:
CHAPMAN BROS.
1892.

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GEORGE M. EMBURY. Among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Genesee County we take pleasure in representing upon this page the worthy son of a worthy sire, who is a good representative of the typical pioneer families of Michigan. He was born in this township, October 10, 1852, and his parents, David and Marcia (Morse) Embury, were natives of the Empire State, his paternal ancestors being English and his mother's progenitors having come to this country in the historic "Mayflower" that landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

David Embury emigrated with his parents to Genesee County, in 1832, two years after his father's first coming to this part of the country, when he had located land upon which he hoped to create a farm and bring up his family. The boy was but fourteen years old when the family settled in the woods and he therefore saw much of pioneer life and for years made his home in the log cabin which his father had erected.

David and Marcia Embury were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living. The father of this family was killed, June 22, 1886, by a horse running away with him. His widow still survives and now in her seventy-third year she is active and interesting in conversation and is looked upon as one of the representative pioneer women of this county. She is said to have been the first school teacher in what was then a hamlet, now Lapeer, and she is the daughter of one of the very earliest pioneers of Lapeer County.

George M. Embury grew to manhood in this county and helped greatly in developing its resources. He seceived his education here in the district schools and afterward in the public schools of Flint and thus secured an admirable preparation for life's duties. He was married October 5, 1875, to Eveline McFarlen, daughter of John R. McFarlen, one of the first pioneers of this county. To them have been born three children, Philip O., Irving W., and George A.

Mr. Embury now owns a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres upon which he carries on general farming. He has served as School Director and in every department of life is a helper toward improvement and progress. In his political affiliations he is with the Democratic party, and in business matters he enjoys to a marked extent the confidence of the community. He is enterprising and public-spirited and both he and his interesting wife are highly esteemed members of the social circles of the township and county.

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ABRAM BUTTERFIELD. Our Canadian neighbors have a "great notion" of coming over into the States, and into the less conservative atmosphere of this Republic, developing the powers that are in them and their capabilities for progress. They, however, are no better pleased with this bright idea than we are with its carrying out, as they are found to be most excellent citizens, and the mingling of British conservatism with Yankee push has brought about a splendid element in our midst.

Mr. Butterfield is one of those men who were born under the shadow of the British flag, his nativity having been in the Province of Ontario, and his natal day being August 21, 1846. We cannot however, ascribe all of this gentleman's good qualities to a British origin.

The farm upon which Mr. Butterfield now resides was purchased by him in 1880, and during the same year he established himself in a home by bringing a bride to share it with him. Mrs. Butterfield's maiden name was Marian Lower and she was born in Hadley Township, Lapeer County, in 1850. There she was reared and educated and became a teacher, pursuing that vocation for fifteen years previous to her marriage. Our subject now resides with his mother on the old farm as his wife died in 1881, leaving no children. Eighty acres

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PORTER M. KNIFFEN. Among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Genesee County, no one plays a more important part upon this page the worthy son of a worthy sire, who is a good representative of the typical pioneer families of Michigan. He was born in this township, October 16, 1832, and his parents, David and Alnora (Brown) Kniffen, were natives of the Empire State, the former of Scotch and English and the mother's ancestors having come to this country in the historic "Mayflower" that landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

David Kniffen, originally with his parents in Genesee County, in 1832, two years after his father's first coming to this part of the country, when he had leased land upon which he hoped to create a home and indeed up to his death, the last was his home. Here and when the family settled in it, consisted in therefore saw much of pioneer life and for years made his home in the log cabin which his father had erected.

David and Alnora Kniffen were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living. The father of this family was killed by a falling tree, in a house running away with him. His widow still survives and was married again, her second husband being Mr. Hawkins, a contractor and a leading man in one of the representative pioneer families of this county. She is said to have been the first school teacher in what was then a wilderness, her lessons, and she is the grandmother of one of the very oldest pioneers of Genesee County.

Porter M. Kniffen grew up amidst the surroundings and helped greatly in the hard work of the pioneers. He received his education in the district schools and in the public schools of Flint, and then worked on a farm for a short time. He was married October 6, 1875, to Rosalie McFarlen, daughter of John R. McFarlen, one of the first pioneers of this county. To them have been born three children, Philip G., living W., and George A.

Mr. Kniffen now owns a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres, upon which he carries on general farming. He has served as school director and in every department of life is a helper toward improvement and progress. In his political affiliations he is with the Democratic party, and in business matters he enjoys to a marked extent the confidence of the community. He is enterprising and public-spirited and feels he and his interesting with are highly esteemed members of the social circles of the township and county.

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The foregoing is concerning those men who were born in the shadow of the British flag. Mr. Tetterington was born in the Province of Ontario and his mind day being August 17, 1838. Wherever he was, he was always alive the Canadian's good fortune to a Yankee.

The farm upon which Mr. Tetterington resides was purchased by him in 1869, and during the same year he established himself in a home in Genesee township in STARVING TOWN. Mrs. Tetterington's maiden name was Mary Jane Lowe and she was born in Toronto, Ontario, August 17, 1838. Their marriage occurred November 24 and has been a happy one, producing four sons, the eldest years previous to their marriage. Our subject is now a member of the Masonic order in the city of Flint, and is well, in really leaving an admirable family.

of well-improved land constitutes this estate and here he is carrying on general farming and enjoying a just degree of prosperity. He is a Republican in his political views and was Township Treasurer in 1881-82.

DAVID A. CRAMTON. One of the most successful farmers of Hadley Township, Lapeer County, is he whose name appears above. He was born at East Addison, Vt., June 2, 1822, and was the youngest in a family of five children born to his parents, all of whom grew to mature years. They are Emeline, William, Alanson, Cook and he of whom we write. Emeline is the widow of Solomon Babcock and resides at Norville, Jackson County, this State; William lives in Elba Township, Lapeer County. During the war he had two sons—Franz and George—who served from 1861 to 1865. Alanson is now a resident of Ada, this State; Cook died in Hadley leaving a family. The parents of this family were Daniel and Nancy (VanHorn) Cramton. The father was born in Vermont and the mother in New Jersey. Daniel was a son of Nathaniel Cramton, who was a Revolutionary soldier and was himself a soldier in the War of 1812. Nathaniel Cramton was probably born in England.

David Cramton came to Lapeer County at the age of eighteen, his brother having come here two years earlier—about the time it was admitted to the Union as a State. Later the entire family came to the State and made settlement here. The father died in Wayne County, N. Y. in 1831. His widow married Nathan Townsend and they reared a family of three children, whose names are Marcus, Harvey and Octavus. The first named is deceased; Harvey is a resident of Oakland County and Octavus a resident of Hadley.

July 2, 1848, our subject was married to Harriet Grandy. They have reared four children, whose names are Jesse, Cook, Julia and Charles. Julia is the wife of Frank Skinner. Mr. Cramton started out in life with great disadvantages, as far as pecuniary position is concerned, for he had nothing but a superabundance of energy and faith in the future. By directing his energy in the right direction and by economy and industry he has accumulated a comfortable fortune and to-day owns a farm of two hundred and forty acres which has all been accumulated by the toil of himself and his family. Their social relations are closely connected with their church relations and all are members of the Methodist Episcopal body. Politically Mr. Cramton is a member of the Republican party. Socially he fraternizes with the Masons.

ALLEN HARROLD. Among the prominent, thrifty and influential Irish-American citizens of Genesee County, selected for representation in this RECORD, is the prosperous agriculturist of Grand Blanc Township, whose name we have just given, and who is a typical son of the Green Isle of the Sea. He was born October 29, 1819, and is a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Olmstead) Harrold, both natives of Ireland, where our subject was reared to manhood and where he early engaged in the occupation of farming. His education was mainly taken in the national schools of Ireland and he did not have the advantage of higher training, but has educated himself in various ways since reaching manhood.

Our subject was married in Ireland, February 6, 1842, to Rose Donahue. Two of their six children were early called from earth, and the four who remain are: Peter, Catherine, Louis, and Addie. In 1843, Mr. Harrold, with his wife, emigrated to America taking passage in a sailing vessel named "Rochester" and after an ocean voyage of twenty-two days from Liverpool to New York City they journeyed across the continent to Michigan and took up their residence in Oakland County. After several years of farming upon a rented farm they removed to Genesee County and took up their abode in Grand Blanc Township, settling upon their present farm which has ever since been their home.

Two hundred acres form the splendid farm of

Mr. Harrold and it is the visible result of his enterprise and the patient persevering industry of himself and his devoted wife. He was called upon to mourn her loss February 29, 1888. She was a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church, with which he is also connected, and will long be mourned as a loss to the community. Mr. Harrold's political views bring him into the rank and file of the Democratic party and in all matters of public prosperity he is actively interested. He is well known for his sterling integrity and honesty in business matters and is thoroughly esteemed by all who come in contact with him.

HON. D. G. COLWELL. Every enterprise for the upbuilding of Fenton, finds an earnest helper and promoter in the Hon. Mr. Colwell, whose excellent judgment and business capacity have made him prominent, and given him an influence among his fellow-citizens which is of great value. He was shown his faith in the future of Fenton by investing largely in various lines of business here, and his efforts have ever been for the promotion of its true prosperity. He was born in Seneca, Ontario County, N. Y., March 14, 1825, and his parents, David and Hannah A. (Gilbert) Colwell, were both natives of New York. The father was a manufacturer of woolen goods who came to Michigan in 1838, and spent the remainder of his days in Livingston County. He was born January 24, 1800, and died May 25, 1885.

On the 2d of January, 1840, the log house which he had built upon coming here was destroyed by fire, and with it almost everything he possessed, and he and his family were obliged to live in a dilapidated shanty in the woods in the dead of winter. He was a man of high standing in the community and held various township offices. His good wife who was some three years younger than he, died July 11, 1885. Five of their eight children are now living. D. G. was the eldest of the family, and was thirteen years old when his parents came to Michigan, and most of his schooling was taken prior to that time. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one, renting a farm in Tyrone Township, Livingston County, which he farmed on shares, and during the third year he bought forty acres of land to which he added from time to time until he had two hundred and eighty-five acres, and here he made his home for seventeen years, and made his first abode in a small shanty.

In June, 1866, Mr. Colwell removed to Fenton, where he had built a brick house, the brick for which he had manufactured himself. He intended at that time to retire from active business, but he soon became interested in grain and wool, and entered into partnership with Mr. E. M. Adams, with whom he continued in business for thirteen years. Besides dealing in grain and wool, they operated a mill, doing business under the firm name of Colwell & Adams. In March, 1880, the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Colwell taking the mill, and Mr. Adams the grain elevator. Our subject at once rebuilt the mill and increased its capacity from seventy-five to two hundred barrels and has since increased it again to two hundred and fifty barrels and he still carries it on, it being a complete roller mill.

Mr. Colwell was married in 1846 to Phebe Larned, who was born in Barrington Township, Yates County, N. Y., and is a daughter of Henry and Maria (Bailey) Larned, both New Yorkers by birth, who came hither in the year 1830 and settled on the line between Oakland and Livingston Counties, where she died about the year 1882, and he in 1887. The four children born to this couple are: David H., John P., William D. and Daniel H. The eldest son entered the army in 1864, although very young, and died at Mt. Sterling, Ky.; William is deceased; John has assisted his father upon the farm, while Daniel is at home and is now attending school.

Our subject has been a frequent delegate to various Democratic conventions, and was Supervisor of Tyrone for three years. In 1864 he was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature, and while thus in office he was placed upon two important committees, one of them being on election. He has been Assessor of the village of Fenton and prominent in various ways, having built several

store-buildings, besides the Opera House, which was dedicated February 1, 1870. He has a large amount of money invested in his milling business, having a full roller process therein, and except what is retailed about the neighborhood, he ships a good part of his product to New England, and also considerable to Africa. A sawmill is also one of his enterprises, and his land comprises five hundred and sixty acres, most of which is under the charge of his son John. This fine tract of land except one hundred and twenty acres adjoins the corporation of Fenton, and it is all in one body. The Masonic order has counted him a member for some thirty years, and his wife is actively connected with the Presbyterian Church. A large amount of stock of the Fenton Agricultural Association is held by him and he aids all movements which commend themselves to his judgment.

HARMON OWEN is a retired farmer, making his home at the present time in Lapeer. He was born in Columbia County, N. Y., in Ancram Township, July 13, 1814. He is a son of Joel and Betsey (Flint) Owen, the former a native of the same place as is our subject, making that his home throughout his life. His decease occurred when at the age of seventy-six years. He devoted himself to the agricultural calling. Originally he was a Whig and was a strong Clay man, and was never known to vote for but one Democrat. In his religious creed he was a Methodist.

Charles Owen, our subject's paternal grandsire, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was one of the boldest and most fearless men of that desperate period. Although running many chances in the war he lived to a good old age and his wife survived until ninety years old. Our subject's grandmother Flint before her decease drew a pension as a widow of a Revolutionary soldier. He of of whom we write was one of eleven children who was born to his parents. All grew to manhood and womanhood with the exception of one, and six are still living.

Mr. Owen was reared in his native place and received his education in Massachusetts, across the line in Berkshire County. He remained with his father until reaching his majority, giving his assistance on the farm. On starting out in life for himself he had no resources whatever, but like many of our American citizens, who have gained wealth and prestige, he had an abiding faith in his own strength and ability that stood him in good stead. He first worked by the month on a farm and received $14 or $15 per month during the summer. In 1837 he married Betsey Silvernail, a native of New York. She was reared in the same locality as was our subject. The young couple began life together on a farm where they remained until 1852, when they came to Lapeer County, Mich., and located on section 36, Mayfield Township. He first purchased eighty acres of land that had a small house upon it. About twenty-five acres of this were partially improved. He added to the place twenty-seven acres in Lapeer Township, then eighty acres adjoining the first farm making in all one hundred and eighty-seven acres. Upon it he had put up good barns and a commodious house. He also improved the old farm and remained there until 1887, when he retired from active business and located in Lapeer, where they have a fine residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen are the parents of seven sons and three daughters—Joel, Abram, Perry, Bradley, Lowen, Emery, Delia, Ida E., Eva and Harmon C. Perry was killed at Cedar Creek on the day of Sheridan's ride; Bradley resides in California; Lowen is a dentist, at Grand Rapids; Emery lives in Burlington, Lapeer County; Delia is the wife of Chauncy Dean, who is a large fruit dealer in California; Eva is the wife of Robert Harrison, of Lapeer City; Harmon resides on the old homestead; Abram is a farmer of Attica Township, this county.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, his first vote being cast for Harrison in 1836 and again in 1840, and his last vote was cast for the grandson. He was Town Treasurer of Mayfield and also Justice of the Peace. He has also been Road Over-

Benj. F. Johnston

Respectfully Yours
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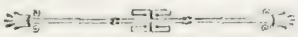
seer and School Inspector and Trustee. He has never been out of office since coming to Michigan. In religious preference our subject and his wife belong to the Methodist Protestant Church of Lapeer, of which Mr. Owen has been Trustee since the denomination was organized.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JOHNSTON. The pretty village of Almont is the prosperous center of a thrifty and fertile farming region. There are here merchants of all sorts who find a ready sale among the best class of the agricultural element that here do their trading. The furniture dealer of the place, and a man who always has on hand a choice stock that is adapted to the needs of his customers, is he whose name figures at the head of this sketch, and whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. Like many others who have settled in this portion of the county, bringing hither their thrifty and provident ways, he is a native of New York State, having been born in Geneseo, Livingston County, March 23, 1829. He is a son of Daniel B and Abigail (Lord) Johnston. The father, who was a farmer, was born in 1791, in Columbia County, same State, and the mother at Sharon, Conn., in 1793. Our subject's paternal ancestors were of English and Scotch stock.

In his boyhood our subject received a common-school education, and in addition the advantage of one term at the High School. He came to Michigan as an early settler, locating in Almont in 1848, when nineteen years of age. He at once engaged in teaching, spending his winters in that way and painting during the summers, which trade he had learned from his brother. In 1850 he returned to his home in New York and the year that he spent as a teacher there was made notable in his life by his marriage. He was united in wedlock March 25, 1851, to Miss Betsey A. Worster, of Ripley, Chautauqua County, N. Y., who was there born February 29, 1832. She is a daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Thorpe) Worster, and of Welsh ancestry. The young couple returned to Michigan and Mr. Johnston, as previously, spent his winters as a teacher and his summers in painting.

In 1858–59 our subject began to devote himself to the cabinet-maker's business, which he followed until the breaking out of the war, when he helped to raise the first Michigan Cavalry. His business not being in a satisfactory condition, he was unable to go to the front himself until August 26, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, and on being sent to the front was under Gens. Kilpatrick and Custer. He took part in the famous Kilpatrick raid on Richmond in 1864, and was taken prisoner at the famous charge at Trevilian Station, Va., June 11, 1864. That charge resulted disastrously to the regiment, the enemy capturing seventeen of the company and one hundred and twenty-seven of the regiment.

Our subject was taken to Richmond and then to Andersonville, where he was held prisoner nine months until March, 1865. He is the B. F. Johnston who is mentioned in the sketch found elsewhere of H. C. Wells, as saving the life of the latter while in Andersonville. Mr. Johnson thinks that his standing as a Mason was the means by which he got outside the stockade in October, 1864. He left Andersonville March 25, 1865, to be exchanged in Vicksburg, and with twenty-two hundred other prisoners of war was on the steamer "Sultana" when she blew up, April 25, 1865, the lost being the ratio of two to one. He was asleep when the explosion took place, but kept his presence of mind enough to try to keep order among the passengers and sailors. When the vessel sank he caught a piece of fence board and after he had been in the water for some time succeeded in getting on an island, where the next day he was rescued by a boat. He had enlisted as a private, but later was made a farrier, and as such was mustered out July 7, 1865.

After his return at the close of the war Mr. Johnston engaged in the furniture, wall paper and undertaking business, and is now the oldest business man in Almont. In the village he has held several offices, having been Justice of the Peace many terms in succession, also Township Clerk, and member of the School Board and of the Village

Board the greater portion of the time since its organization. He is Past High Priest of the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and Master of the Blue Lodge, having held all the offices of the lodge and chapter, and at one time was a member of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. In 1888 he was a candidate for State Senator on the Democratic ticket for the Sixteenth Senatorial District of Lapeer and Sanilac Counties, but was defeated, they being strong Republican counties, although Mr. Johnston ran considerably ahead of his ticket. Notwithstanding the fact that the township in which he lives is strongly Republican he has been elected to official positions by handsome majorities.

There have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston three children, as follows: Delphine, born July 29, 1852, married W. S. Washer, of Detroit; Maude Louise, born October 5, 1854, became the wife of D. B. Bancroft, a jeweler of Detroit; and Daniel W., born May 4, 1857, whose home is in Detroit and his office in Chicago, where he is Passenger Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad. Both our subject and his estimable wife are members of the Congregational Church, of which he is a Trustee and has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is at the present time in charge of the mission school which is located about four miles from town, and during his four years' connection with this he has missed in attendance but a single Sunday.

JAMES H. HEMINGWAY. Our subject located at Hadley, Lapeer County, is a dealer in agricultural implements and from his well-selected stock may be had the latest inventions and improvements upon implements which are used in agricultural business. Mr. Hemingway was born in Chili, Monroe County, N. Y., August 26, 1822. He was the youngest in a family of six children, whose names are as follows: Elmira, William, George, John and Hannah. The eldest sister became the wife of Reuben Emery and was the mother of three bright children, all of whom graduated at the University in Ann Arbor. William came to Lapeer County in 1836 and was a prominent lawyer here until his death. A full history of the career of George may be found in the sketch elsewhere in this work, headed George S. Hemingway. John came to Michigan in 1839 and resided here until his death in 1885. Hannah became the wife of Thomas Babcock, of Hadley, but now resides in Iowa.

The parents of these children were James and Phebe (Hart) Hemingway. They were born about 1792. The father was a native of Connecticut, but resided in New York until 1842 when he came to Hadley and here resided until the time of his death. He served in the Genesee Conference of New York in the Methodist Episcopal Church and from 1834 to 1842 was Presiding Elder. He preached the first sermon delivered in Hadley Township in 1836, and every resident of the township, men, women and children, in all numbering about fifteen people were present.

Our subject's grandsire was Isaac Hemingway, who is doubtless of English ancestry. He of whom we write received a liberal education in his native State, having been a student at Lima Institute. After coming here he followed teaching for several years in which he had previously engaged and had been assured of his success in New York.

Our subject was married in January, 1847 to Miss Lucina, daughter of Joseph Flint who died October 7, 1889. Unto them were born five children, whose names are as follows: Charles, Millard F., Viola, Grata and Cassius. Millard is now a resident of Lapeer and connected with his father in business; Viola is the wife of Edward Hodgson, of Hadley; Greta is the wife of John A. Morton, a hardware merchant of Hadley; and Cassius who married Kitty Shotwell lives at home.

For forty-six years Mr. Hemingway followed the calling of a farmer and was very successful in it, as indeed it could not well be otherwise, as he gave the most constant and intelligent attention to his work. In about 1861 he began handling machinery and became an agent for the manufacturers and has continued this business in connection with his farming interests. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has held a number of official positions. He was originally an old-line Whig, but since the organization of

the Republican party has joined its ranks. He has held every office within the gift of the people of Hadley Township except those of Highway Commissioner and Treasurer. He is now Justice of the Peace and at the expiration of his present term will have served sixteen years in this capacity. Socially he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons but has been identified with various other secret societies.

HORATIO N. JENNINGS, publisher of the Fenton *Independent*, one of the best edited and most newsy sheets of Genesee County, was born in Steubenville, Ohio, October 11, 1827. His father, John Jennings, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to America in 1812. In New York, he worked at his trade, silk weaving, and then located near Steubenville, and later removed to Trumbull County, Ohio, where he purchased a farm and settled upon it. About the year 1850 he moved to Kent, Portage County, Ohio, and there he died in 1856 at the age of sixty-six. His good wife, Margaret McComb, was a Pennsylvanian by birth and like her husband a member of the Presbyterian Church. She died in 1813 leaving five children, two of whom are now living.

Mr. Jennings was given the usual school and home advantages of the farmer's boy, and attended a private school for a short time. At the age of fifteen he entered the office of the *Ohio Star* at Ravenna, and some five years later he took a position as journeyman printer in the office of the *Ohio Statesman*. He became one of a stock company which established the *Capital City Fact*, a daily and weekly paper. In this he was business manager for a year or so and then took the general management of a printing department. Three years later he sold out his interest there and went back to Portage County, where he was foreman on the *Portage County Democrat*.

In 1867 Mr. Jennings came to Fenton, and the following year he established the Fenton *Independent*, which he has published for twenty-three years without missing a single number. It has been enlarged in the meantime from a seven-column folio to a six-column quarto. For the past ten years it has advocated Republican doctrines. In 1881 Mr. Jennings took his son, John H., into partnership and the firm name is now H. N. & J. H. Jennings. Our subject was married in 1851 to Ida A. Peck of New York, and their four children are Lizzie M., John H., and the twins Clara Nell, and Carrie Belle. The son is a graduate of Michigan University where he took his diploma in 1883, and for the past twelve years the eldest daughter has been a teacher. Our subject is now a member of the Village Council and has been for a number of years although he is not a seeker of office, but has ever devoted himself to his business. He has built up a fine establishment which is well equipped and is run by steam power. For twenty-five years Mr. Jennings has been a member of the Masonic fraternity.

HENRY C. KUDNER, editor of the famous Lapeer County *Democrat*, is one of the most prominent young men of the Wolverine State. The city of New York claims the honor of his birth, which important event occurred in 1858. Mr. Kudner, Sr., with his family came to Michigan in 1861 and settled in Detroit. Two years later they moved to Pontiac where our subject spent his boyhood. There being four boys and one girl in the family, as soon as Henry was large enough he was set to work to earn his own living.

In the office of the Pontiac *Gazette* Mr. Kudner learned the trade of a printer and after graduating from that seminary he worked as a compositor on the Detroit *Free Press*, but was soon taken from the case and served some time in reporting. Soon, however, he began to think of launching out on his own account. In 1882 he bought the Lapeer County *Democrat*, a weekly paper with a subscription list of about five hundred names, most of them people who did not pay promptly. Lapeer had been a strong Republican county ever since

the formation of the Republican party, and the Democratic paper for twenty years or more hardly dared assert its own existence.

But Mr. Kudner was not the kind of man to hide his light under a bushel. The Lapeer County *Democrat* speedily came to the front and became the most extensively circulated and the best-known paper, not only in the county but in the whole congressional district. The remarkable success of the Lapeer County *Democrat* has brought corresponding financial results to the enterprising proprietor. In addition to the printing and publishing business Mr. Kudner is now extensively engaged in lumbering operations in Michigan and other States. Though frequently importuned by his fellow-citizens he has firmly declined to accept any public office, yet he takes an active part in directing the political machinery of his party. He is Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. Having always been, in Western parlance, a great "hustler," he has been remarkably successful.

ELLERY IVORY, a prosperous farmer of Hadley Township, Lapeer County, is one of a family of five children and was born July 2, 1848, in Dodge County, Wis., where his parents had moved from New York about the year 1842. His father, William Ivory, was a New Yorker by birth, Jefferson County being his native home, and August 22, 1822, his natal day. He was descended from Irish stock.

Our subject was married October 12, 1873, to Ophelia, a daughter of Joseph Shook, who was a native of Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ivory has been granted one child, Earl, who was born in 1878. The eighty acres of land upon which Mr. Ivory's beautiful home stands is assessed at a higher figure than any other property in the town of Hadley and indeed is as high as any in the county. Mr. Ivory owns three hundred and ten acres of land in Elba and Hadley Townships, most of which he has accumulated by dint of his own industry and economy, supplemented by the wise counsel and co-operation of his valuable helpmate.

The matters of public interest which excite the minds of the citizens of our country are subjects of deep interest to Mr. Ivory and he has confidence that the political dogmas embraced in the declarations of the Republican party are such as will bear the test of time and bring prosperity to our beloved country. He has been to a considerable extent active in furthering the interests of the county and is always pleased to lend a helping hand to any movement which looks to the upbuilding of the community.

WILLIAM B. EVATT, a prominent citizen of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, and a veteran of the renowned Army of the Tennessee, resides on section 5. He is a native of Ontario County, N. Y., and was born January 26, 1833. He is a son of John and Mercy A. (Hackett) Evatt, his father being a native of County Cork, Ireland, coming to America when ten years of age. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812. Our subject's mother was a a native of Connecticut. He of whom we write was reared to manhood in his native State and county. In youth he spent one year in learning the harness-maker's trade, but when eighteen years of age he began to learn the blacksmith's trade and served an apprenticeship of three years, working in all in that business about seventeen years.

Our subject was married while in the Empire State at Austerlitz, Columbia County, December 3, 1858, his bride being Miss Ellis E. Sprague, who was born in Ontario County, N. Y., and who is a daughter of Michael and Irene (Reid) Sprague. By his union there were born four children, three of whom are living at the present time—Charles A., Arthur G. and Mary, the deceased son being Fred.

Mr. Evatt came to Michigan before the war and was a resident of Hilldale County at the breaking out of the war. From there he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company A, Eighteenth Michigan Infantry and was assigned to duty with the Army of the Tennessee. He fought in the battle of Dan-

ville, Ky., at the siege of Knoxville, and was also present at Decatur. His valiant services during the Rebellion are recognized by the Government by the award of a pension of $30 per month. He served about one year and nine months and was then discharged for disability.

After returning from the war Mr. Evatt came to Genesee County and settled here in the '70s. For a short time he ran a blacksmith and wagon shop at Gibsonville and eventually settled upon his present farm. He here owns fifty acres of land that is under excellent cultivation. Generously gifted by nature, our subject has in no wise folded his talents in a napkin. He received his education in the common schools of Ontario County, N. Y., his advantages, however, being limited. A Republican in politics, he is one of the men of this district who may be depended upon by the best element of his party to support the platform. Socially he belongs to the Masonic order and also to the post at Flint of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has been Deputy Sheriff of Grand Blanc Township and also of the county and has also served as Constable, filling these various offices most acceptably to his constituents. He is one of the men who lend a ready and helping hand to every plank that goes to make the superstructure of social and commercial life firm and unshaken in his district.

CHARLES H. CHENEY. In the building up of a community that bears the admirable features of successful rural life, many brains and hands are needed in the construction of the aggregate whole. He of whom we write is one of the most energetic and enterprising of the loyal and progressive citizens of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. He is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser and resides on section 11. A native of Monroe County, N. Y., our subject was born December 6, 1831. He is a son of Warren and Maria (Pelton) Cheney, the former being a native of Vermont and the latter of the Empire State.

When eight years old our subject with his parents emigrated to this State and settled in Oakland County. The family came hither by way of the lakes to Detroit and located a farm in Oakland County at an early day when the Indians and wolves were the chief inhabitants of the land. There our subject increased in stature and mental strength, hardened and made sturdy by the experiences of pioneer life. He helped clear up several farms, and a forest of stumps with a few sentinels of trees that are less their foliage is not an unfamiliar picture to him, for he has spent many a day in cutting timber and burning stumps. Mr. Cheney received his education in the little schoolhouse of the district.

In early manhood the original of our sketch assumed the responsibilities of married life. The partner of his joys and sorrows was Temperance Sholes, who bore him two sons, both of whom are deceased. Some time after the death of Temperance Cheney, our subject again married, his bride being Miss Alma Mitchell. By this marriage he became the father of three children, two of whom are living—Grant and Frank. After marriage he and his bride settled in Atlas Township and there resided several years.

The removal was made to his present farm by Mr. Cheney in the spring of 1870 and he has ever since made this his home. He here owns one hundred and seventy acres of land, one hundred and thirty acres of which comprise his home farm. It is in an excellent state of cultivation and bears fine buildings and all the accessories that go to make rural life complete. He has witnessed the growth of this portion of the country from an aboriginal state of wildness to the most prolific district of the country.

Charles H. Cheney has served his locality in various positions. He has been School Director for years, and anything that promises a betterment of the condition of educational methods, catches his attention and appeals to his favor. Several years ago he became a candidate for the position of Supervisor on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by Charles Case. The success that has attended our subject shows what a man of ability may accomplish in this country. He had no pecuniary advantages over his fellow men, but a strong determination to conquer difficulties soon placed

him in an independent position where he could marshal his resources so as to bring him a handsome return. His interests are largely engaged in stock-raising, having fine home-bred Clydesdale horses. His home is one of the finest in Genesee County and shows that his mind is above the mere hoarding of wealth.

ISAAC SCHRAM. This septuagenarian and representative pioneer of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, makes his home on section 16. He is a native of Jefferson County, N. Y. and was born upon the 11th of April, 1818. His parents, John I. and Esther (Edick) Schram, were both natives of New York and they brought this son with them to Michigan in 1836. They journeyed through Canada, by team, being twenty-two days on the way and settling at first in Genesee County.

John Schram finally settled in Burton Township and purchasing land here established his family in a log cabin. He was the father of eight children, six of whom are living, Isaac, Truman, William, James, David and Mary J. Isaac was reared here amidst the scenes of pioneer life and has been an eye witness of the wonderful growth of this county. At that time Flint was only a small hamlet and the boy received only a district school education in the schools of the adjoining districts. In those days he used oxen in clearing the land and breaking the sod and did much efficient work in this these directions.

The happy marriage of Mr. Schram took place in May, 1843, his bride being Ann E. Orvis, who was born in New England. She became the mother of two children, Catherine E., wife of Jacob Closterman and Joseph. About the year 1845 he settled with his wife on the farm where he now resides, and here he has since lived. He experienced the bereavement of losing his companion in 1862. Her departure was sincerely felt by all who had had the happiness of knowing her and to her family the loss was indeed severe.

Mr. Schram settled upon the farm and made it what it is to-day by hard labor and unremitting enterprise. There is probably no man in his district who has done more genuine pioneer work than he, and he now has one hundred and twenty acres under excellent cultivation and all the result of his own prudence and energy. He was county Drain Commissioner for seven years. He has been Township Highway Commissioner for thirty-two years and is a very public-spirited and enterprising man, belonging in his political views to the Republican ranks. His religious views have led him into the Episcopal Church in Flint, and he is highly esteemed for both character and ability and especially for his generosity and integrity. His farm is one of the finest in Grand Blanc Township and fully exemplifies his pluck, push and perseverance.

ELIHU WAITE, the Justice of the Peace of Fenton and a man very highly esteemed for his sterling qualities and his work as a Magistrate, came into Michigan with limited means and bought eighty acres of wild land which he has cleared and improved, and has here educated his children, who have proved worthy of the care and training bestowed upon them. He was born in Monroe County, N. Y., June 16, 1830, and is a son of Elihu and Lydia (Fuller) Waite, the father being a native of Massachusetts, and the mother, born near Saratoga, N. Y. He is descended from a long line of New England ancestry and his forefathers were in the Revolutionary service.

On the mother's side our subject is descended from the Brewsters, who came over in the "Mayflower." His father was a blacksmith and owned a small farm. He had removed from Massachusetts when a young man and lived in Monroe County, N. Y. till he came to Michigan where he died in 1865, having reached the age of sixty-nine years. He was a Baptist from his boyhood as was also his good wife who died at the age of sixty-four.

Our subject has but one brother living. They were educated in the district school and had also the select school advantages. At the age of sixteen Elihu Waite began work upon a farm for the

wages of $50 a year. Upon coming West he rented land in Rose Township, Oakland County, and after living there two years removed to Tyrone Township, Livingston County, buying eighty acres and having built a house, settled upon it and devoted himself to its cultivation. He retired from active farming in 1888 and spent two years in Kalamazoo and one year on the Upper Peninsula with his sons.

He of whom we write was married in 1850 to Elizabeth Tarbell, a New Yorker by birth who died in 1888. Her seven children are Burton C., who is married and is engaged in the manufacture of brick in Kalamazoo. Byron S., who is married and lives at Menominee on the Northern Peninsula of Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in the literary course in 1880 and is now practicing law; Addie, a teacher; Alice, wife of D. G. Jayne, a farmer in Livingston County; Ira E., deceased; William F., a lawyer of Escanaba, who took a three years' course in the Michigan University and Daniel J., who is a graduate of the Fenton Normal School and the Commercial College and is now in the insurance business at Escanaba.

From the time of the organization of the Republican party Mr. Waite has been earnestly and conscientiously attached to the doctrines thus represented and he is frequently a delegate to Congressional conventions and was some few years ago the Chairman of the District convention. For seventeen years he has been a Justice of the Peace and has also served as Supervisor and Highway Commissioner. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for twenty-six years and is Secretary of the Fenton Union Agricultural Association.

GEORGE M. EDDY, the proprietor of the Eddy stock farm which is located near Fenton, is a native of Erie County, Pa., where he was born November 5, 1834. His father, Nathan Eddy, a Vermonter by birth removed to Erie County when a young man and there became a farmer, but migrated to Michigan in 1841 locating on wild land in Fenton Township, Genesee County. He has ever lived a pious upright life and has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. He lost his beloved wife whose maiden name was Mercy Douglas, in 1885. She was also a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a native of the Green Mountain State. He has now reached the age of eighty-five years and of his three children, two, Benjamin D. and our subject, now survive.

Our subject remembers Michigan as a wilderness, as he was seven years old at the time his parents removed hither, and he received his elementary education on the slab seats of the primitive log schoolhouse. At the age of eighteen his father gave him his freedom and he learned the carpenter's trade and worked at it for some time. In 1855 he purchased his present farm of wild and unimproved land and began the work of transformation which has resulted in making it a productive and well ordered farm with all modern improvements.

The first marriage of Mr. Eddy was with Jane McOmber, a native of Oakland County, whose parents were among the early settlers of the Wolverine State. She died in February, 1890, leaving three children—Hattie C., wife of Leslie Cook, a prominent druggist of Fenton; Charles S., a promising young business man and proprietor of the best livery stable in Fenton, and Marion E. a farmer. The present Mrs. Eddy who became the wife of our subject January 21, 1891, bore the maiden name of Hattie Wells. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was born near Hamilton, Canada, of English ancestry.

Mr. Eddy is a stanch Republican in his political views but in no sense an office-seeker. He is prominently identified with the Knights Templar. Upon his beautiful farm of one hundred and sixty acres he has since 1885 carried on the business of raising trotting horses as he purchased that year the celebrated "Golden King" a fine specimen of the Hambletonian family, who was sired by "Golden Bow" and traces his line back to the famous "Volunteer." "Golden King" is now eight years old and is recognized as a brilliant animal by all good judges

of horse flesh. Mr. Eddy has raised and sold a number of very fine animals some of which are now scattered throughout the New England States, and he at present has some twenty head of horses on his farm.

In 1887 our subject purchased a line of steamers which he runs on Long Lake near his farm, but he has since turned them over to his sons, which are regularly kept going during the season by the Eddy Brothers. He has this year completed and equipped the Fenton and Long Lake Street Railroad, extending from the city of Fenton to the head of Long Lake, and this adds greatly to the comfort and accommodation of pleasure seekers. Mr. Eddy began life empty handed and has succeeded in accumulating a handsome property and more than this he is a genial warm-hearted man and one who has a rich fund of information.

HON. ALEXANDER W. DAVIS. One who made a record for himself during the period of secession and the time when the country was divided in opinion as to the right and justice of holding human beings in bondage and buying and selling them like stock, is he whose name is given above. He was an uncompromising and radical Union man during the late Civil War and one who became eminent as a war legislator. He had strong opinions and was not afraid to speak them. He is a native of Albany, N. Y., being there born October 30, 1824. He was a son of Ebenezer and Phebe B. (Burhans) Davis.

Although both our subject's parents were natives of New York, he inherits a sturdiness of character from his Welsh paternal ancestors, and balancing of ideas from his maternal ancestors, who were Germans with a dash of both English and Irish blood. Mr. Davis was the fifth in order of birth of the parental family. Prior to the admittance of Michigan to the Union as a State, his parents' family, in 1836, removed to Tuscola County, this State, coming by way of Canada to Detroit, and settling in Tuscola Township, his father being the first permanent white settler in that district. The first home which the family enjoyed in this State was a cabin covered with bark and located in the midst of the woods. They experienced all the hardships of pioneer life and were one of the many hard-working families who have beautified and enriched the country as it now is. Their first purchase comprised fifty acres of land for which they paid the Government $1.25 per acre. There was a large family of children sheltered in the cabin, and those that are still living are as follows: Amos; Alexander; Oliver; Jane, widow of the late Hon. Alfred Holmes; Sarah, wife of Thomas Lewis; and Esther, now Mrs. Decker.

The original of our sketch was reared for the most part in Tuscola County, and as he attained manhood became one of the most enterprising citizens of that portion of the country. With an ox-team he might almost any day have been seen working industriously at clearing up the land. As a boy he attended school in the district, and for a short time was a student at Albion Seminary, now Albion College. He has been an extensive breeder and is practically well educated. While at Albion he was a schoolmate of the present Gov. Winans, of Michigan.

When nineteen years old Mr. Davis started out in life for himself and came to Genesee County, where he was engaged in farm work, receiving $10 per month for his services. He was thus employed for several years and was in the service of Judge J. R. Smith for some three years, whose farm he now owns. In the spring of 1847 he enlisted in Company A, Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, and took part in the Mexican War. He fought in the battles of Contreras and Churubusco under Gen. Scott in Pillow's Division and Pierce's Brigade. The latter afterward became President of the United States. Our subject was wounded in the right knee and was confined to the hospital for a year, when he was sent to Baton Rouge, La., in October, 1848.

After Mr. Davis' discharge from the war he returned to Michigan and in the fall of 1850 started for California, going by way of New York and the Isthmus of Panama. During an absence of three years he pursued gold mining and did fairly well. He then returned by the same route, com-

ing back to this State, and purchased a farm in Grand Blanc Township. He resided upon this for many years and then retired from the active life of agriculture and settled in the village of Grand Blanc.

Our subject was married September 27, 1853, to Miss Harriet W. McFarlen, daughter of Joseph and Eveline McFarlen. Her parents settled in Grand Blanc Township in 1828, where she was born July 31, 1830, being the fourth white child born in this county, and at the present time the oldest living white person born in this county. Her parents are still living and are among the oldest and most respected pioneers of the county, the father being ninety-three years of age and the mother ninety. Our subject has occupied various official positions in this township. He has been Treasurer and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for a quarter of a century. During the stormy period of the late war he was a member of the State Legislature, which, because of the trouble, convened for two extra sessions. During his service in this capacity he was Chairman of the Military Committee. He is a Republican in politics, and socially has been identified with the Masonic fraternity. He owns three hundred and sixty acres of fine land, besides valuable village property. Mr. Davis is abreast of the times in all the advanced ideas of the day, and the biographer found him to be a well-informed and interesting gentleman with an exceeding interesting store of pioneer history which he relates in a pleasing manner.

EDWIN A. RUSSELL. Stock-raising is one of the prominent industries of Michigan, and it is with interest we record the life story of one who has made this branch of agriculture quite notable in Genesee Township, Genesee County. Mr. Russell, whose fine farm is situated on section 30, was born on the farm where he now resides June 25, 1848. Rensselaer County, N. Y., is the native home of his father, J. C. Russell, and he was born there in 1810, and there remained until he came to Michigan in 1838, first locating in Livingston County, thence coming to Genesee County, effecting an exchange of property between his Livingston farm and this one where his son now resides. He was well known throughout the county as a fine judge of horses, and he was an extensive dealer in them besides doing general farming. He died April 16, 1890, and was the son of Howland Russell, a native of Massachusetts. He was a Democrat in his political views and held various local offices.

Eliza A. Lane was the maiden name of the mother of our subject, and she was born in Yorktown, N. Y., November 18, 1817, and is still living. Her father, A. C. Lane, a Connecticut man, was born March 30, 1788, and her mother, Ellis Scofield, had her nativity in North Sanford County, Conn., October 24, 1794. The mother of our subject is now seventy-four years old. The Russell family traces its lineage back to an English representative of the family.

The earliest schooling of our subject was in the district schools of his native place and he finished his studies at Flint, Mich., remaining with his father until he had reached the age of twenty-five years, when he started in the stock business on a small scale, which he has augmented from time to time until he is now one of the largest stock-dealers in the country. In 1889 he had one hundred head of horses feeding on his farm, and he took some fine horses to Oregon, bringing back four carloads of Oregon horses. He bought shelled corn by the carload to feed them, and sold sixty-five head in one day at an auction, the largest auction sale of horses ever made in one day in the county—this was in February, 1889. He handles as many as five thousand sheep during one season, while at the same time he ships horses and cattle, and sold one horse this year for $1,000. Upon his one hundred and fifty acres of well-improved land he is doing a general farming business. He also has mining stock in Colorado, near Georgetown.

Mr. Russell was married April 28, 1871, to Mary M. Selleck, daughter of James Selleck, of Oakland County. This lady was born November 30, 1851,

and is the mother of two children—Mabel and James Floyd. Mr. Russel is a Democrat in his politics and was Township Treasurer for two years and School Director for two years. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Royal Arcanum.

MYRON COLLINS. This representative farmer, whose home is on section 1, Genesee Township, Genesee County, is a native of the Empire State, where he was born in Sodus Township, Wayne County, March 4, 1835. Hiram Collins, his father, was born and bred in the Green Mountain State, where he carried on his business of shoemaking, and where the mother, Laura Blood, was also born and brought up. Wayne County, N. Y., was the scene of their marriage, and there they lived and died, the father at the age of forty years, in 1843, and the mother at the age of eighty-six. Three of their four children grew to manhood.

The subject of this sketch was the second son in this family and in his native town he received his education, remaining with his mother until the breaking out of the late war, when he entered Company E, One Hundred and Eleventh New York Infantry, in 1862. He was in the battle of Gettysburg and all through that campaign, being wounded at the battle of Petersburg. His honorable discharge was received at Syracuse in June, 1865, and he then returned to his native place.

The marriage of Myron Collins and Annie Leadley took place in Wayne County, July 2, 1858. Mrs. Collins is a native of England, being born in Yorkshire, but has spent most of her life in this country. They came to Michigan in 1869, and rented a small farm Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County, upon which they remained for seven years, at the end of which time they purchased a farm in the same township, and upon it they resided for eight years, selling that property in 1884, and buying the eighty on the section where they now live. The two sons of this marriage are Hiram and Elmer, both at home.

The house into which Mr. Collins moved on coming to his present home was destroyed by fire in 1890, and he at once proceeded to erect a new abode, a pleasant and attractive house, which cost him some $1,100. Here he carries on general farming and keeps his land in a good state of cultivation, having excellent crops thereon. He is a Republican in his political views and his war experiences have brought him into the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to that organization at Mt. Morris. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at that place, in the work of which he takes an active part and is a liberal contributor to every good cause.

EDWARD GRANT BECKERSON resides in the village of Vassar, where he conducts a thriving business, owning a large livery and sales stable. He is the son of Myers and Catherine (Moulton) Beckerson, natives of Haldimand County, Canada, where the subject of this sketch was also born February 6, 1864. He was reared on the farm and early began to realize that this is a workaday world, for in boyhood he was engaged in farm labor for his neighbors, at the same time assisting his father, with whom he remained until reaching his majority.

In 1885 our subject came to Tuscola County, Mich., and entered the employ of a Mr. Wentworth, for whom he worked one year. He was then employed by Townsend North, Esq., as foreman of his large farm in Denmark Township. Mr. North died in 1889, but our subject continued his supervision of the place for the widow until the summer of 1891, when he bought out the stable that he now owns. He is already doing a very prosperous business.

February 23, 1886, Mr. Beckerson was happily married to Mrs. Lizzie Stahl, widow of George Stahl, and a native of the State of Maine. This union has been blest by the advent of one son, Basil, who was born September 23, 1889. Mrs. Beckerson had one son by her former marriage—Elmer, who is deceased. In politics Mr. Beckerson is

conservative. Socially he is a member of Tent No. 66, K. O. T. M., of Vassar. He is an estimable young man, whose faithfulness to others is the best indication of his thorough work for himself.

LEVI H. READ was born November 17, 1810, in Warren County, N. J. His father was Richard Read, also a native of New Jersey as was his mother, Rebecca (Howell) Read. The elder Read served in the War of 1812. By occupation he was a farmer. The father and mother are both deceased. They were the parents of twelve children.

Our subject has always been a farmer. He was reared upon the farm and began for himself in that business at the age of twenty-one. At the age of thirty years, and while unmarried, he removed to Michigan, in 1837, and settled in Macomb County, where he remained for three or four years. Part of the time, however, he spent in Oakland County, working by the month. He then settled upon a farm of one hundred acres in partnership with his brother in Orion Township, Oakland County. There were very meagre improvements upon this place at that time, ten acres of it only having been broken, upon which there was a log house. He was married, February 18, 1841, to Miss Elizabeth Perry, daughter of John and Eleanor (Miller) Perry, both natives of New Jersey, where they married and resided on a farm until they came to Michigan in 1824. Mrs. Read's father was born April 4, 1793, and her mother February 9, 1798. Mr. Perry settled in 1834 in Orion Township, on an improved farm of eighty acres. He was a prominent farmer, true to his New Jersey training and very successful. He died September 29, 1840. His wife followed him soon afterward. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are now living. Mrs. Reed was born September 20, 1824. Immediately after her marriage to Mr. Read they settled on his farm in Orion Township. He improved the place and afterward removed to Lapeer County in 1860, and in 1861 settled on this farm, which was all wild land, heavy timber, and with no improvements whatever, but nothing daunted, he set to work with a will, first building a frame house. The farm then consisted of one hundred and sixty-seven acres. He now owns a fine property of two hundred and seven acres, nearly all improved. Mr. and Mrs. Read are the parents of five children, four of whom are now living: Ira, born in 1842; Jane was born in 1845, and is the wife of James Reed; they live in Lapeer Township and are not blessed with any children. Eleanor was born in 1847, and is the wife of Alexander Bain; they live at Mayville and have three children; Annie, born in 1857, is the wife of John Jones; they live in Lapeer Township, but have no children. Mrs. Read is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Metamora. Her children have all been well educated. Ira taught school at the age of seventeen. He is now Master of the Grange and also Secretary of the Knights of the Maccabees. He is also a Road Overseer.

Our subject has been a prominent member of the School Board and in politics was originally a Whig, but later became a Republican. He has now retired from active farming. The old couple are enjoying good health, with the prospect of a peaceful old age. As an idea of the rapid progress made in traveling facilities in these latter days it may be stated that when John Perry came to Michigan they traveled all the way from New Jersey by wagon, spending four weeks on the journey; while our subject came here by canal, and then by steamer to Detroit.

JOHN W. DAVISON is a prominent and representative pioneer of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, residing on section 4. He is a native of Livingston County, N. Y., where he was born December 6, 1830, his parents being Jonathan and Agnes N. (Gibson) Davison, both being natives of the Empire State. His ancestors on the paternal side were of Scotch-Irish stock and, indeed, also on the

maternal side. He takes great pride in the fact that his Grandfather Davison was a Revolutionary soldier, being a Fife Major in the Continental army, and his father was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Jonathan Davison with his family emigrated to Genesee County in 1831, coming via the lake to Detroit, and thence to Genesee County with an ox-team. On coming to this township he purchased the land upon which our subject now lives, paying the Government $1.25 per acre for the same. Their first habitation in this locality was a board shanty which was built out in the woods. The family lived in this for several years and then built a better home. Our subject's father was a carpenter and builder by trade and found plenty of employment in those early days. His decease occurred in 1865, his wife having preceded him by a number of years, her death having taken place in 1850. In their decease the county lost two of her first and best pioneers. People who had inbred strength of purpose and tenacity of fibre, they are well fitted to cope with the difficulties of that nebulous social period and to look forward to a time when advantages that they were envious of for their own children should be free to those of another day. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are living at the present time: Catherine, John W. and Andrew J.

The principles of the Democratic party in its purity were those held by our subject's father. He endured all the hardships incident to pioneer life, and on first coming here was obliged to go to Pontiac with an ox-team for grist, following an Indian trail. John W., our subject, was surrounded with the influences above described and naturally the sturdier elements of his nature were developed, for there was no luxury to pamper any effeminate tendencies at that time.

Our subject assisted his father in clearing up the farm upon which he now lives, breaking the ground at an early day with an ox-team. He received the advantages to be had in the early district schools of Grand Blanc Township. On reaching manhood he was united in marriage, November 7, 1855, with Hannah W. Foote, who was born May 21, 1834, in Livingston County, N. Y. When ten years of age she came to Genesee County, this State, with her parents. The head of her family is now deceased, and her mother, an octogenarian, who has passed an eventful and useful life, makes her home at Flint and is still hale and vigorous for one of her age. She does not use glasses.

Our subject is the father of one son, Irwin L., a youth of whom the parents are very proud. He owns a fine farm of eighty acres with an excellent residence and good barns and other improvements. He is one of the best farmers in the county. In 1851 our subject started out in the carpenter and joiner's trade, and followed it for many years in connection with farming. He frequently had from two to five mechanics in his employ. He now devotes much attention to raising fine Jersey cattle. Mr. Davison is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are enthusiastic workers in whatever promises to be for the advantage of the county.

SETH W. PIERSON. This genial and popular citizen of Fenton, who has become prominent in agricultural and social circles, comes of a family distinguished for longevity, being descended from Henry Pierson, who came with two brothers from Southampton, England about the year 1700. He is a man of intelligence and uprightness and one whose influence is powerful for the upholding of true standards of living, and whose genuine culture has made its mark upon the community. He was born in Atlas Township, Genesee County, June 8, 1839, and his father, John K. Pierson, who was born in West Avon, Livingston County, N. Y. in 1810, came as a farmer to Michigan in 1836, settling on a quarter section of land in Atlas Township, the deed to which was signed by President Jackson. His father had emigrated to Canada in 1823, and settled near the city of Brantford, which then consisted of but one house, and where there was at that time an Indian reservation occupied by a remnant of the Six Nations. There John Pierson

grew to manhood and thence he journeyed by ox-team to Michigan being fourteen days on the road, thus making his way through the unbroken forest, and establishing himself at the end of the journey in a log house which he erected. The wolves were then numerous and often made attempts to enter this humble home. Upon this place this representative and true-hearted pioneer lived for fifty-three years, dying January 13, 1889. He was a man of high moral standing and strong Christian character, and exerted a powerful influence in the community. He was an active promoter of everything pertaining to the agricultural matters of the township and was much interested in the improvement of stock.

The grandfather of our subject, David Pierson, was born in Connecticut and removed thence to New York and afterward to Canada where he died. He served in the War of 1812. Roby Weston, the mother of our subject, was born in Hamburg, N. Y., and was a daughter of Seth Weston, a native of New Hampshire whose father was an Englishman by birth and a member of the English navy. The mother is still living on the old farm in Atlas Township, and of her nine children only one has died and that one passed away in infancy.

The log schoolhouse furnished the elementary education of our subject and at the age of eighteen he entered for a course of two years the Clarkston Academy, which was then under the charge of Prof. Isaac B. Cochran. At the age of nineteen he began teaching and pursued this calling for nine years, and in 1856 he entered Oberlin College where he studied for a year, and in 1865 took a commercial course at Albion. The graded schools of Bangor, Bay County, were under his charge in 1866 and 1867, and the succeeding fall he purchased the farm on section 19, Fenton Township, where he now resides, and which has since been his home with the exception of three years which he spent in Holly, Oakland County, in the produce business.

Frances M. Nichols, daughter of James B. Nichols, of New York, became the wife of Mr. Pierson in 1866. This lady received her higher education in the High School of Albion and also studied in the Commercial College there and afterward taught for several terms. They have never been blessed with children of their own and after living in solitude for over twenty years they in 1887 took a family of four children whose parents had both died and whose father, James C. Nichols, was a brother of Mrs. Pierson. At the time of their adoption the eldest was nine years old and the youngest, four.

Mr. Pierson has taken an active part in local Democratic movements, being influential in county, District and State conventions although he has never aspired to any official position. He is a member of the Linden School Board of which he has been its President for several years and has taken an active interest in all educational movements. For several years he has been a member of the Village Council and is now its President and has been School Inspector of the township. His fine tract of one hundred and eighty acres lies inside the corporation of Linden. He has bought and shipped a great deal of stock to Detroit and Buffalo, and has given some attention to shipping produce but not extensively. He began life with limited means and worked his own way to attain a good education. He has been the local correspondent for the Flint *Democrat*. Besides his property in Linden, he has also fifty-three acres in Atlas Township.

WILLIAM H. LOUKS. Our subject, who resides on a fine farm on section 9, in Lapeer Township, comes of a sturdy stock, his father, William H. Louks, a native of Ontario, Canada, having been a farmer and a lumberman to whom weather in its severity in the North and hardships were small considerations in the sum total of life. Our subject's mother is Agnes (Gray) Louks, a native of New York. They were married in Canada and resided in Ontario until coming to Michigan in 1881, when they settled on the farm upon which our subject now lives.

Our subject's father carried on a farm and united

with it the lumbering business in Otsego County, this State; he died at the age of fifty-nine years, December 25, 1887. Our subject's mother still survives and makes her home with her daughter. They were the parents of five children, whose names are as follows: Adam G., Jennie, Ella, our subject, and Mary. Adam lives at Newberry, Mich.; Jennie, who is Mrs. Dr. N. R. Gilbert, resides in W. Bay City; Ella is Mrs. Walter Watt and also lives in W. Bay City; Mary, who married Charles Rood, lives in Mayfield Township, Lapeer County.

Our subject's parents were active workers in the Presbyterian Church and were good and enterprising citizens. The father was a Republican in his political belief. Our subject was born April 8, 1861, in Ontario, Canada, where he received a practical and business education, finishing his course in Lapeer. He remained at home until the death of his father and since that time has carried on the farm, which comprises four hundred and forty acres of land, three hundred and twenty acres of which are under cultivation. He here carries on general farming, giving much attention to stock-raising, having some very fine animals. He makes a specialty of standard-bred trotters, having commenced this last-named interest three years since. He also buys and sells roadsters and coach horses.

At the head of our subject's stud is "Onward," which was bred in Lexington, Ky., a cherry bay which was sired by "Onward," who had a record of 2:25¼, dam "Lyda Bassett," who has a record of 2:20¼. It is now six years old and is remarkable for its beauty as well as its speed. The next in his stud of which he is proud is "Marquis," a bright bay horse sired by "Edward Everett" dam "Mildred," of Hambletonian stock. Mr. Louks' next pride in horse-flesh is his "Hardwood Chief," a seal brown, sired by "Hardwood," whose record is 2:21¼, dam "Belle S.," by "Swigert." The cattle which our subject has upon his farm are all Jerseys and of the finest stock.

September 11, 1888 the original of our sketch was united in marriage to Miss Neva E. Vincent, a daughter of James H. Vincent, of Lapeer. Mrs. Louks was born August 1, 1866, in this township. She is a graduate of the Lapeer High School, in which she was also engaged as a teacher for three years. She is a highly accomplished lady whose attainments in a musical direction are marked. Both her instrumental and vocal music are of a high order and she has a rich soprano voice. Both our subject and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and socially he of whom we write has identified himself with the Knights of Pythias of Lapeer, belonging to the Uniformed Rank. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Louks makes exhibits of stock in fairs of surrounding counties.

JOHN A. WILSON, a prominent pioneer and leading citizen of Atlas Township, Genesee County, resides on section 7. A native of Washington County, Vt., he was born November 2, 1825, and is the son of Samuel and Keziah (Green) Wilson, both New Englanders. At the age of eight years he removed with his parents to what is now Wyoming County, N. Y., and there he lost his mother by death. In 1838 he came with his father and other members of the family to Michigan.

Samuel Wilson settled in Atlas Township, this county, on the farm now owned by our subject when the land was heavily timbered and entirely uncultivated, and before roads were opened. His death in 1861 entailed a severe loss upon the community. He was the father of five children, and four of that number are now living, namely: Caroline A., now Mrs. Charles McNeil, of Atlas Township; Clarissa G., who married Edmund Perry, of Davison Township; Ermina G., the widow of Caleb Thompson, of Grand Blanc, Mich., and John A., of this sketch.

Pioneer work employed the energies of our subject in his younger days, and what schooling he had he received in the primitive district schools here, which was supplemented by home influences and culture. The family resided for a number of years in a log cabin, and in that humble abode they found happiness, and had frequent opportunities of dispensing a gracious if not an elegant hospitality. John Wilson was married March 11, 1857,

to Sarah J. Tyler, and by her he had six children: Esther M., Mary E., Jennie C., Martin T., John A. and S. Perry. Mary is a teacher in the public schools at Flint, and Jennie is also devoting her energies to the same profession. The eldest daughter and the sons are at home with their parents.

A thorough and progressive farmer, Mr. Wilson has a fine property comprising one hundred and fifty-five acres of land, embellished with substantial improvements, the most conspicuous of which is the beautiful residence. A view of this rural home, one of the most attractive in Genesee County, is presented in another portion of this volume. The estate bears witness to the thrift and excellent judgment of the proprietor, who understands how to produce the very best results from every acre of ground. Although his personal work has closely occupied his attention, he has yet found time to serve the public, and has occupied several official positions, among them serving as Justice of the Peace for eight years. The Farmers' Alliance finds in him an energetic member, while his political views bring him into affiliation with the Democratic party. As one of the oldest living representatives of the pioneers of Atlas Township, he well deserves prominent mention in this volume which is dedicated to the public-spirited citizens of the county.

JOHN L. NICHOLS, who carries on the double vocation of dentist and farmer, has his residence upon his fine farm of eighty-five acres on section 7, Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County. He was born June 21, 1856, in Clayton Township, and is a son of Willis Nichols, a native of Madison County, N. Y. He was born in 1824 and came to Michigan at the age of thirty, settling in Oakland County. In 1856 he removed to the farm where he now lives in Clayton Township. When he came hither the land, both on his farm and all about was still a wilderness and he was a long distance from the base of supplies. He used to make maple sugar and on some occasions has carried a load of it on his back to Flint, ten miles distant, and traded it for beans which he brought home in the same manner for family use. His life companion bore the maiden name of Jane M. Benjamin, and was born in De Ruyter, N. Y., in 1826. They are both still living and are very prominent people throughout the social circles of the county, and the father has been quite a public man and a leader in the Democratic ranks.

John Nichols lived at home until he reached the age of seventeen and during his boyhood and youth worked upon the farm and attended to his studies in the old log schoolhouse. He still cherishes among the mementoes of his childhood prizes which he received for maintaining his place at the head of his class. Upon first leaving home he attended the Flushing schools for about six months, working meanwhile for his board at Mr. John Patten's. Later he went to Westfield, N. J., and was in the public schools there for about a year and a half and so improved his opportunities as to be able to get a teacher's certificate and taught there for about four months, after which he engaged as shipping clerk for Carrolton, Ayers & Co., Broadway, N. Y., remaining with them for a year and a half.

The young man attended the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876 and after that came West and was in the employ at Flushing of Niles & Cotcher, for one year, and then entered a dental office, where, after six months, he bought out the business and carried it on for six months independently. After this he entered the employ again of Niles & Cotcher and was with them for five years and then entered the dry-goods firm of Smith, Bridgeman & Co., of Flint, and served them for nearly two years.

Mr. Nichols had previously purchased forty acres of his present farm, which purchase he made in 1878, and two years later he bought an additional forty and in 1883 he removed onto the farm which has since been his home. He has cleared all but twenty acres of this land and has erected upon it excellent buildings and done much in the line of tiling, as the farm now has over five hundred rods of tile drainage, besides other valuable improvements.

Our subject was married in 1879 to Miss Jenny

A., daughter of Joseph and Philinda Brown, of Flushing. This lady was born in the township of Flint and she is the mother of one child—Winifred, who was born May 19, 1883, and is now a bright and interesting child and has begun her school life. Mr. Nichols has a fine dental practice and is exceptionally successful therein. He has an office in Flushing, where he spends one day each week and thus accommodates his patients and at the same time carries on his farming operations. In politics he is a Republican.

PATRICK HENRY McENTEE is a general hardware dealer in Almont, and was born in Genesee County, N. Y., August 29, 1830. He is a son of Patrick and Mary (Stebbins) McEntee, the father a native of Monaghan County, in the north of Ireland, his natal day being May 10, 1791. He was brought to America by his parents when three years of age. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Charles McEntee, was a visionary man who had wonderful ideas regarding emigration to America. He was of a most sanguine temperament and generous to a fault, expected always to find riches to make up for his extravagance. After coming to America he was engaged in saltmaking at a place near where the city of Syracuse now stands, and there he and his wife died in 1806.

Our subject's father grew to manhood in Clinton, Oneida County, N. Y. He there had but three months' schooling and was married when very young, his wedding being celebrated March 7, 1815, at the age of twenty-four, his wife and our subject's mother being sixteen. They started the next day for Western New York, where he purchased a farm in the woods, his nearest neighbor being two and a half miles distant. He was obliged to cut the roads to his place and although he became comfortably well-to-do, was never rich, for although he was a hard worker and made much money, his was an open house for all sorts of travelers, taking in colporteurs, singing masters, ministers, priests and school teachers. He was the father of sixteen children, of whom fourteen grew to maturity, nine of whom became the heads of families, seven living to the present time. The father of the family died in Genesee County, May 19, 1878.

Our subject's father was naturally an agitator on the subject of slavery and kept the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, stirred up on the subject. Born and reared in the Catholic faith, after his parents' death he became a Presbyterian and was an ardent worker in that church. He was a Captain of the Sixty-first Regiment of New York Militia and our subject has his commission signed by Gov. DeWitt Clinton. He was naturally of a controversial disposition and found food for this in the church of which he was a member. He was honest, outspoken and fearless, and although he aroused discussion and opposition, he was generally liked. He served in the War of 1812 for a period of nine months.

Our subject was reared upon the home farm and received a common-school education. He made an attempt at teaching, but soon gave it up. He left New York when nineteen years of age, in 1849, and located in Utica, Macomb County, N. Y., where he engaged in the manufacture and sale of fanning mills, being thus employed for five years. He then came to Lapeer County, in 1854–55 and engaged in the same business for ten years. Our subject was married January 19, 1863, to Miss Sarah Goodrich, of Bruce, Macomb County, N. Y. After quitting the fanning mill business our subject opened up a store in Almont in 1866, which he continued for about three years. He sold this out and opened up a crockery, glassware and jewelry establishment, of which he was the proprietor for five years. He then moved to a farm in Macomb County and there lived for eight years and in 1886 returned to Almont and opened up his present store.

Our subject is Republican in his political liking but is a Free Soiler of 1852. He has been Supervisor of Almont, also Justice of the Peace and President of the Board of Trustees. Mr. McEntee claims that it does not run in his family to be even self supporting and says that he would not have been worth a dollar had it not been for the good

management of his wife. They have one child, Charles G. McEntee, who was born in Almont, November 23, 1865. He is unmarried and in partnership with his father, doing much to make the business successful, as he inherits the business tact and talent of his mother.

CHRISTOPHER C. LEVALLEY. This gentleman resides on and owns the farm located on sections 26 and 27, Flint Township, Genesee County. He was born in Hartland, Niagara County, N. Y., May 19, 1819, and is a son of Christopher and Lydia (Barnard) LeValley. The former was probably born in Jefferson County, N. Y., and the latter in Oneida County. They died in Medina, Orleans County, N. Y. They were the parents of four children, who all lived to mature years.

Our subject was reared on the home farm and was engaged in acquiring his education and in filling in the intervals of his school duties with the work incident to farm life until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Orleans County, N. Y. In the fall of 1842 he came to Genesee County, Mich., and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Flint Township, where he now resides. He "slashed" fifty-two acres during the winter of 1842–43. In the spring of the last-named year he returned to Orleans County, N. Y., and spent the remainder of the year there, coming back to his Michigan farm in 1844, and since that date has been a permanent resident here. Agricultural pursuits have always occupied his time and attention, and he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable and well-improved land. The best of improvements in the way of buildings have been made upon the place.

Our subject was married in Pontiac, Mich., April 30, 1845, his bride being Miss Harriet E. Derby, who was born in Genesee County, N. Y., October 12, 1828. She passed her girlhood days in her native State, coming with her parents to Pontiac when about sixteen years of age, and remaining there until her marriage. Her parents were Asa and Jane (Welding) Derby. Mr. and Mrs. LeValley are the parents of three children—Addie J., Hattie and a child who died in infancy. The first-named is the wife of Arthur Nichols; Hattie married J. H. Baker. Mr. LeValley has ever taken an active interest in local political affairs, and casts his voting influence with the Prohibition party, temperance being with him a fundamental principle. Mrs. LeValley is an ardent worker in the church, and both are generous supporters of the spread of Gospel work. He is a man who has accumulated a handsome property and has done so by his prudent and intelligent oversight of his business.

In connection with this sketch the reader will notice a lithographic portrait of Mr. LeValley.

GEORGE F. MEIDLEIN. This German-American citizen of Kingston Township, Tuscola County, was born in 1838 in Wurtemberg, Germany, and is a son of Frederick and Margaret Meidlein, both natives of that land across the sea. The father was born in 1806 and throughout life pursued the vocation of a farmer. His good wife was brought up to a thorough practical understanding of the same line of work as her father, George Miller, who was a German farmer.

When about fourteen years of age our subject learned the trade of a baker, but after he came to America he dropped this trade and worked at any employment which he could secure. Upon first landing in New York he went to Canada where he made his home at Delhi and after one year removed to Durham where he settled for some five years.

On New Year's Day 1860 Mr. Meidlein bought the home where he now resides but did not at once settle upon it, as he returned to Canada, remaining there until 1866, when he located permanently upon his farm in Kingston Township. He had bought this tract of one hundred and twenty acres from the Government and he cleared it all himself, putting it in first-class order and so cultivating it as to make it yield rich and varied crops.

The marriage of George Meidlein and Abigail Addamson took place in 1864. This lady is a daughter of John and Sarah Addamson, people of English birth. To our subject and his wife have been born eight children, namely: John F., who lives in Royalton; George W., who is at home; Frank A., Mary E., Charles N., Sarah E., James and Eliza A. Mrs. Meidlein was called from earth on the 24th of December, 1876.

The subject of this sketch has been for two years Supervisor of this township, and has also held the office of Treasurer for the same length of time, besides many other local township offices. He is a member of Newberry Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F., and is an active member of the Lutheran Church.

HOEL PALMERLEE. A worthy representative of a family that has been connected with many eminent people, our subject is a resident on a fine farm located on section 31 of Lapeer Township, Lapeer County. Mr. Palmerlee is a son of Asa and Lucy (Seward) Palmerlee, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York. The mother was a distant relative of William Seward, who so distinguished himself during the administration of President Lincoln; and her father was Colonel Stephen Seward, a prominent man in Catarraugus County, New York. She was also a cousin of Mrs. Eliza Garfield, mother of President James A. Garfield.

Our subject's father, who was a clothier and a carder and dresser of cloth by profession, removed to New York when a young man and there pursued his calling; later he became interested in farming and in 1850 came to Michigan, having previously married our subject's mother in Litchfield, Conn. They immediately settled upon the farm of which our subject is now the proprietor; it was at that time perfectly new land and like much of the Michigan land, heavily timbered. He bought out a claim upon which there was a log house and a few acres of which had been roughly improved. The place comprised one hundred and sixty acres of land and of this he cleared ninety acres and built a barn which is 34×46 feet in dimensions. Asa Palmerlee died November 7, 1869. Our subject's mother survived a number of years, passing away December 1, 1885. They were the parents of eleven children, ten of whom grew to years of maturity and nine of whom still survive. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and active workers and supporters of the same. The father was a Trustee and also interested in the building of the church of that denomination at Farmer's Creek. In his political principles he was a Whig but on the organization of the Republican party transferred his allegiance to it.

Our subject was the sixth in order of birth of his parents' family and was born April 3, 1836, in Cattaraugus County, N. Y. He was fourteen years of age on coming to Michigan with his family and was reared on his father's farm, remaining at home until twenty-one years of age. After spending four years in Minnesota and one year in Saginaw he returned to this place and has ever since been a resident upon the home farm.

July 3, 1862, the original of our sketch was united in marriage to Almina Johnson, a daughter of Riker and Emily (Kelley) Johnson, early settlers in Oakland County, this State, and afterward of Hadley Township, this county. Mrs. Palmerlee was born in Oakland County, June 10, 1840, and died April 15, 1869. She was the mother of two children—Efner R., who was born June 16, 1863, and married to Hattie Green; he is now a resident with his father on section 31; Fred, who was born April 5, 1869, lives in Montana.

August 20, 1874, our subject again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Frances E. Brown, a daughter of Charles W. and Susan E. (Cressy) Brown, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Hampshire. They came to Michigan at an early day and were married in Lapeer, making their home at Farmer's Creek until recently, being now residents of Lapeer. Mrs. Palmerlee was born July 5, 1847, in this county, and was educated in the district schools of this vicinity until she was twelve years of age, spending one year at Lapeer Academy and afterward

graduating at the Newark Union School and subsequently at the academy at Newark, N. Y., with the Class of '65. She then became a teacher, both in this State and in New York. Although Mr. and Mrs. Palmerlee have not been intrusted with the care of children of their own, they are rearing two children and giving them good advantages. They are Anna Louise and Fenwick Palmer. Mrs. Parmerlee's father was Judge of the Probate Court and has been Justice of the Peace for many years.

Our subject is a member of the Grange and also belongs to the Library Association. He is at present Master of the County Grange and he has also been Master of the local Grange and one year was President of the Library Association. Politically he is a Republican. He held the office of Drain Commissioner and for four years was Supervisor of Lapeer Township. He has been Director of the school and also of Lapeer County Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Association. He has cleared off forty acres of his land, freeing it from unsightly stumps and has laid nine hundred rods of tile. In 1873 he built a fine residence at a cost of $2,000 and the other buildings of his place are equally substantial. He here carries on general farming and his entire place is notable for the thoroughness with which it is cared for and also for the fine stock that is here raised.

ROBERT L. JOHNSTON. One of the venerable agriculturists of Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County, whose face indicates his strong mental nature and with whom it is a pleasure to converse, he being so well-informed on almost all topics, is the gentleman whose name appears above and whose farm is located on section 32, where he is the owner of eighty acres of land. He was born in Penfield, Monroe County, N. Y., March 12, 1825, and was reared in his native State until fifteen years of age. His father, Abraham Johnston, was born near Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and his grandfather, also Abraham, was a native of Fairfield, Conn. He came to New York and owned the farm which was located on the present site of Saratoga Springs. He was a Revolutionary soldier and was one of the men who carried Warren from the battle of Bunker Hill. His father, James Johnston, was a native of the North of Ireland.

Our subject's father owned about one hundred and sixty acres of land in what is now a suburb of Rochester. He devoted himself to farming until 1829 and then removed to Geauga County, Ohio, thence returned to New York, where he remained until 1842 when he went to Brentford, Canada, and in 1846 came to Michigan, locating first in Oakland County, and in 1852 came to Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres where he died at the age of sixty-four years.

Our subject's mother, Maria Beeraft, was born in West Point, N. Y., and was the daughter of Moses Beeraft, a native of Connecticut. He was an anchorsmith by trade and served in the Revolutionary War until its close, then went to Vermont where he married Margaret Fenton. In 1832 he came to Macomb County and engaged in farming until he died. He was of English descent. Our subject's mother died here in 1870 when about sixty-seven years of age. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom our subject is the second eldest. He was reared in Penfield, Monroe County, and in Livingston County, N. Y. His education was acquired in the primitive log schoolhouse with slab benches and fireplace. When thirteen years of age he was sent to Rochester Academy and after finishing there taught one term, then removed to Brentford, Canada, where he worked for himself from the age of sixteen years, his father having lost all his property. He then began to work on the Genesee Canal, giving three summers to that class of labor. The last two seasons he served as foreman. When seventeen years of age he became captain of a steamer called the "Indian Chief" and was later master of different vessels for six summers.

In 1846 our subject located at Southfield, Oakland County, this State, where he was engaged as a teacher in penmanship, also having classes in

other places, and pursued this kind of work in fifteen different States. In 1852 he came to Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County, and from here went to Corunna, Shiawassee County, and while he was thus engaged as a writing master he originated the stem with the dot, afterward taken up by Spencer. He purchased a farm in Venice Township, Shiawassee County. Prior to this he had studied law under Judge McCurdy and was admitted to the Michigan bar in 1857. He began practicing in Corunna and remained until 1858, then continued his practice at Flushing although living in Venice, Shiawassee County.

In 1865 our subject sold his farm of one hundred and sixty-two and one-half acres in Venice and purchased one of eighty acres in Hazelton and also one in Mt. Morris Township comprising one hundred and forty acres. He located upon and improved the farm on section 33. He here has eighty acres of some of the finest land in the State that is capable of raising anything adapted to this latitude. He has fine buildings and his barns are filled to overflowing with grain produced upon his own farm. He is particularly interested in the breeding of fine stock and has some standard-bred Hambletonians. One mare, sired by "Yokoff," has a record of 2:30. He also has some fine colts and owns "Robert Bonner," who when two years old trotted one mile in 2:20 and is the fastest two-year-old in the State. He bred "Dick Turpin," sire of some of the finest horses in Genesee County. The horses that Mr. Johnston has bred have taken premiums many times. He also raises the finest wheat in the county.

The original of our sketch was married in Venice, Shiawassee County, June 13, 1852, to Miss Helen B. Potter. She was born in Hartland, Niagara County, N. Y., in 1831, and is a daughter of Darius Potter, a native of Vermont, who was the son of a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The Potter family trace their genealogical line back to the landing of the "Mayflower." Her mother was Zulpha C. Calvin in her maiden days, whose family were also of the Puritan stock. Mrs. Johnston's mother came to Michigan with her daughter and died here at the age of sixty-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are the parents of nine children whose names are Blanche, Mrs. D. B. Soper; Eugene L., Robert B., Hattie M., Ralph, John R., Capitola, Dilno D. and Della. Mr. Johnston was the first Superintendent of Schools in Mt. Morris Township and maintained the position for two years. He has been Justice of the Peace here and in Shiawassee County for thirty-five years and was Drain Commissioner here for four years, during which time he accomplished much toward improving the condition of the land. Socially he is an Odd Fellow. He is also a member of the Alliance. He is a Democrat and has been a delegate to county and State conventions. Mrs. Johnston's uncle, D. D. Calvin, was previous to his death a member of the Canadian Parliament and was one of the prominent men of Canada.

OLIVER C. RUSSELL, a prominent pioneer of Genesee County, residing on section 7, Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, is a native of Simsbury, Conn., being born within five miles of the city of Hartford on the 20th of May, 1826. The same State was the native home of his parents, Jesse and Mary (Andrews) Russell, and his maternal grandfather, was a soldier in the war under Washington.

When but a small boy our subject removed with his parents to Madison County, N. Y., and there spent several years receiving his education. His father was a blacksmith by trade and had in his household five sons and four daughters.

Our subject left home at the age of nine years and from that time on was thrown upon his own resources and lived with Daniel Thomas of Onondaga County, N. Y., until he was seventeen years old, when he began driving a team and for some three years had charge of the stage running between Madison and Syracuse. Late in the '40s, he emigrated to Michigan and here he also drove a stage between Flint and Pontiac, for some three years, and then for a time had charge of the stage between Windsor and Niagara Falls, in Canada, after which he carried on the same line of work between Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Russell subsequently returned to Michigan and for a time conducted the stage line between Flint and Fentonville and afterward settled at the latter place where he took the express and stage agency for what was known as the Northern Express. Somewhat later he settled on his present farm where he has built up a fine estate out of the woods, and put it in first-class condition. He did much severe pioneer work and many a night labored until midnight and then rose by daylight to begin again. This was in the days when he was clearing his farm and preparing the soil for putting in crops. He now owns a handsome estate of eighty-three acres of well-improved land which he has gained by his own industry and perseverance.

The marriage of Mr. Russell was to Miss Emily Warren, who like himself was a native of New York. They are both members of the Baptist Church in Grand Blanc and he is now serving as Clerk in the church. He has been a School Director and is independent in his political views with Republican proclivities. While residing in Flint he served as Constable and was efficient and successful in his work. He enjoys the full confidence of those with whom he is brought into business relations, and is among the prominent and most highly respected farmers of the township. He is possessed of a vast fund of pioneer lore and is a most entertaining man in conversation.

WILLIAM STANTON was a Christmas gift to his parents, having made his advent in the home circle December 25, 1816, his parents being at the time residents in Bedfordshire, England. His father was William Stanton, a native of Northamptonshire, England, and his mother Sarah (Hall) Stanton, was born in Bedfordshire, England; both lived and died in their native land, the mother being nearly ninety years of age before her decease. The family was rich only in children and in kindly family feeling; there were nine little ones, and of these our subject alone lives now in America. He was the second child in order of birth and was denied all school privileges, his boyish strength being taxed as soon as he had any muscular power at all. He cut loose from the home circle at the age of fourteen, when he began the work of self-support and was employed as a common laborer. In those unhappy days he traveled over all parts of England looking for work, and assures the writer that he has walked sixty miles a day many a time.

Our subject has all his life been a hard worker. At twenty-nine years of age he took upon himself the duties and responsibilities of married life, his wife being Charlotte Taft, a native of Bedfordshire, England. She was born January 19, 1820 and died in 1849. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are now living—John and William. John married Mary Newman and resides in Clinton County. William is still a single man and lives at home.

In August, 1865 our subject again married, his bride being Lucretia Gettess, a native of Canada; she was born May 7, 1825. Our subject came to America in 1849, proceeding directly to Michigan. He was at that time very poor and on arriving in Lapeer County was not only without funds but $190 in debt. For ten years he made his home in Oakland County and worked out for others, being principally engaged in ditching. He there bought a quarter of an acre of land and upon it built a house which served as home.

The original of our sketch came to Lapeer County some twenty-seven years ago and settled upon his present farm. It was at the time nothing more than a wilderness and this period has been spent in placing upon it the improvements that it now bears. He is now the owner of eighty acres of land, sixty acres of which is in a good state of improvement and all being done by his own hard labor. The work has been tedious but success has crowned his efforts and he is now in the possession of a competency that enables him to live comfortably. He has done more hard work than generally falls to the lot of man and by his own deprivation of advantages, appreciates the lack and has tried to supply it to his children. Himself liberal in his religious belief, Mrs. Stanton is a member of the Baptist Church, He is a Republican in politics. Although seventy-six years of age, he

is still hale and hearty and works every day, his health doubtless being due to the fact that he has always been a steady and moral man.

MISS ANTOINETTE COMSTOCK. In educational and professional lines there is no family better known throughout this part of Michigan than that represented by the lady of whom we write. Since the family first settled in America there has been a physician in each and every generation. Dr. Jeremiah Comstock was the father of this lady and was born April 2, 1813, near Providence, R. I. He was a son of Isaac Comstock, who was a brother of the Hon. O. C. Comstock, formerly State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Michigan, in 1843 to 1845. He was a Baptist minister and was one of the founders of Kalamazoo College.

Isaac Comstock was a native of Rhode Island and a descendant from an Irishman who served as Surgeon in the Irish brigade during the Revolutionary War and lies buried in the old historic cemetery at Providence, R. I. Comstock, in Kalamazoo County, this State, takes its name from the Hon. O. C. Comstock and a number of his descendants now live in this State. Isaac removed to Tioga County, N. Y., and died there about the year 1821.

The mother of our subject was a native of Madison County, N. Y., and was Elizabeth C., daughter of Joseph B. Morse, a native of Massachusetts who came to Michigan in 1831 and settled where now is Lapeer. He built the first frame house in that city and was one of the first settlers there. He remained in the city of Lapeer until 1834 and then removed to his farm and put up a house, residing there until his death in 1854. He was a prominent man in church, school and political affairs, and was very public spirited. He was a carpenter by trade and built the first school-house in the township. His daughter, the mother of our subject, was born February 2, 1821, in Eaton, Madison County, N. Y., and was married to Mr. Comstock at Farmer's Creek, Mich., September 16, 1840.

Dr. Comstock came to Michigan in 1839 before his marriage, and settled where our subject now lives. He is a graduate of Geneva College in New York in the Class of '38, and practiced medicine for a year in Ontario County before coming to Michigan. After marriage he made his permanent home here and became the pioneer physician in the Southwestern part of Lapeer County, being in practice here for some forty-five years. In those early days he had extensive rides to take on horseback and the Indians as well as the whites were among his patients. Mrs. Morse, the maternal grandmother of our subject is a woman of great force of character and had many tilts with the Indians in which she was always victorious.

Three daughters and one son formed the household of which our subject was one. The son, Oscar, was a soldier in the United States Construction Corps and started with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea, but being taken sick at Atlanta was sent to Chattanooga, where he died June 29, 1864. The daughter, Sarah, was born in September, 1851, and is the wife of F. W. Goodale, of Farmer's Creek. Their four children are, Arthur, Albert, Elizabeth and Lynn. To all of the children the parents gave an excellent education and the mother who was a Presbyterian brought them up in the faith and doctrine of the Christian religion.

Dr. Comstock was prominent in political matters and cast his first vote for Martin VanBuren and his last vote for Grover Cleveland. In early life he was prominently connected with school interests and was a member of the Township Board for ten years, besides being for twelve a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. He was bereaved of his wife in 1874 and in 1876 he married a second time Mrs. Sophronia Wetherill of Mt. Morris, Mich. She survives him but has no children. He was much absorbed in his profession although he had a large farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Scientific and literary matters also engaged his attention and he was a writer for the Detroit *Medical Journal*. The Lapeer Medical Society as well as the Northeastern Medical Society claimed him as among their foremost members, and he was frequently a delegate to the State Medical Society.

She of whom we write was born August 28,

1841, and after a thorough training in the common schools she took a course in Ann Arbor, graduating from the seminary. She holds a first-grade certificate as a teacher and has taught for many years. Her mother was a woman of unusual nobility, weak physically, but mentally very strong, and possessed of great patience which she exhibited notably in the last fifteen years of her life, during which epoch she was suffering with that dire disease, consumption. She was a grand helper to her husband and a most perfect example as a wife and mother.

Miss Comstock is Secretary of the Lapeer County Old Settlers Society and is a well-educated and talented lady, a member of the Baptist Church at Hadley and a worker in the Sunday-school, and well carries out the reputation which her family has ever maintained. Her father's death occurred in 1885. Mr. F. W. Goodale, who married Miss Comstock's sister Sarah was a member of Company F, Fifth Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War, but after a short time was transferred to Company M, First Michigan Cavalry. In this he served for a year as a private and was discharged June 30, 1866, after having with thousands of others passed through the Grand Review at Washington at the close of the war.

JOHN S. BORDEN, who is a native of Knox County, Ohio, has a fine fruit farm in Fenton Township, Genesee County. He was born August 14, 1838, and experienced the usual life of a farmer's lad, taking his education in the district schools. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one and then went upon the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland Railroad as an engineer for three years and afterward came to Michigan and settled in 1859 in Fenton Township.

In 1861 young Borden enlisted in the Union Army for three months as a member of Company C, Twenty-first Ohio Regiment, and after the expiration of that term of service he returned to Ohio and in August following he came to Michigan and re-enlisted in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, Company G, under Col. Copeland. He saw the smoke of battle at Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Buckland Mills, Williams' Station, Brandy Station, Frederick, Md., and was in the three days' fight at Gettysburg. Thence he returned to the Shenandoah Valley and Petersburg, and was in the three days' battle of the Wilderness. After this he was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley and the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek and Trevilian, and then joined the main army in front of Petersburg. He was commissioned Second-Lieutenant just before being mustered out and participated in the Grand Review. During his service he was never sick a day. After the review he was sent to Leavenworth, Kan., and thence to Detroit where he received his discharge.

After the close of the war Lieut. Borden spent two years in Knox County, Ohio, in farming and two years more in Livingston County, Mich., after which he took charge of his present farm for five years. He then purchased a farm near Durand, but after three years there he returned to the place where he now lives. He was married in June, 1867, to Jane, daughter of Samuel Day, of New York, who came to this State in the territorial days and became one of the first settlers of Fenton Township; he died in 1880. The two children who came to crown this union were Frank H., who has now passed to the other life, and Allen D.

In political matters our subject is not a strong party man but votes for the best man for the office and is always an ardent temperance man. His wife is an earnest and devoted member of the Free Methodist Church. They reside upon the property which has been known for thirty-five years as the Day fruit farm, which was started by Mr. Day the father of Mrs. Borden. It is a tract of one hundred and eighty acres on sections 27 and 28, and upon it there are fifteen hundred peach trees and six acres of grape vineyard from which the annual product is from eighteen to thirty-six tons of grapes. Besides this he has plums, strawberries, and seven acres in raspberries and two in blackberries. He began life with no financial means but with the best of training from his excellent parents, Horace R. and Mary (Harveston) Borden. The fa-

ther was a Vermonter who has spent much of his life in Ohio as a farmer and died in 1863, and the mother, who was born in New Jersey, died in 1887, leaving five of her ten children.

IRA A. SPRAGUE is a farmer residing on section 7, Millington Township, Tuscola County. He is a native of New York, and was born January 14, 1838, being a son of John T. and Sally (Littlefield) Sprague, both natives of New York. They were the parents of seven children, two sons and five daughters. John T. Sprague came to Michigan and settled on a farm in Livingston County and thence went to Hartland Center where he was engaged at the cooper's trade. He came to Tuscola Township in 1854 and there lived and died, his decease occurring in January, 1861; his wife survived until November, 1879. Although John Sprague was always more or less engaged as a farmer, he united with that the occupation of a cooper.

Our subject was reared in Livingston County, this State, after he was a lad of seven years, until seventeen years of age. He remained at home with his parents until their decease. He purchased the farm whereon he now lives in March, 1861, and here has one hundred and sixty acres, most of which is well improved. He has done much pioneer work, having redeemed the place that is now so beautifully cultivated, from a state of utter wildness.

Mr. Sprague was married in Flint February 25, 1868, to Miss Emily J. Neff, of Vienna Township, Genesee County. She is a daughter of W. W. Neff, a native of Connecticut and an early settler in the place where the daughter was born, February 25, 1838. To our subject and his wife two children have been born: Ray W., who died in infancy, and E. Jane, who died at the age of nine years. Mr. Sprague is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as Supervisor of the township for four terms and as Township Treasurer for six years. He has been Justice of the Peace, Township Clerk and Highway Commissioner and has been in one office or another for the past twenty years.

Our subject enlisted in the United States service in August, 1862, and after brave and loyal service was honorably discharged in July, 1865. He was a participant in all the battles in the Atlanta campaign; was also at Nashville, Wilmington and Town Creek. He enlisted as a private but was promoted, first to the post of Corporal and later to that of Orderly Sergeant, which position he maintained until the close of the war. Prior to the Atlanta campaign he took part in the battles of Perrysville, Campbell Station and Knoxville, and was also at Strawberry Plains and Franklin, Tenn.

The attention of the reader is invited to a view of the pleasant homestead of Mr. Sprague, which appears in another portion of this volume.

GEORGE FOSTER. This enterprising and worthy farmer of section 22, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, is a native of Ontario, Canada, where he was born December 21, 1845. His father, John Foster, a native of Ireland, became an early settler in Canada when only a boy, and his mother was one of the very first who settled in Nelson Township, Halton County, Canada. The marriage of the father of our subject to Mary J. Blagdon, a Canadian by birth, took place in 1844, and four sons and four daughters were sent to cheer their home.

When a young man John Foster was a sailor, but during the most of his active life has followed agriculture. He is one of the prominent men of the township and filled the offices of Assessor and Appraiser for a number of years while living in Nelson Township. Our subject was reared in Canada and after coming to Tuscola County worked in Millington Township, for Avery & Murphy. In 1874 he bought the farm of eighty acres which is now his, and at present owns one hundred and sixty acres of land.

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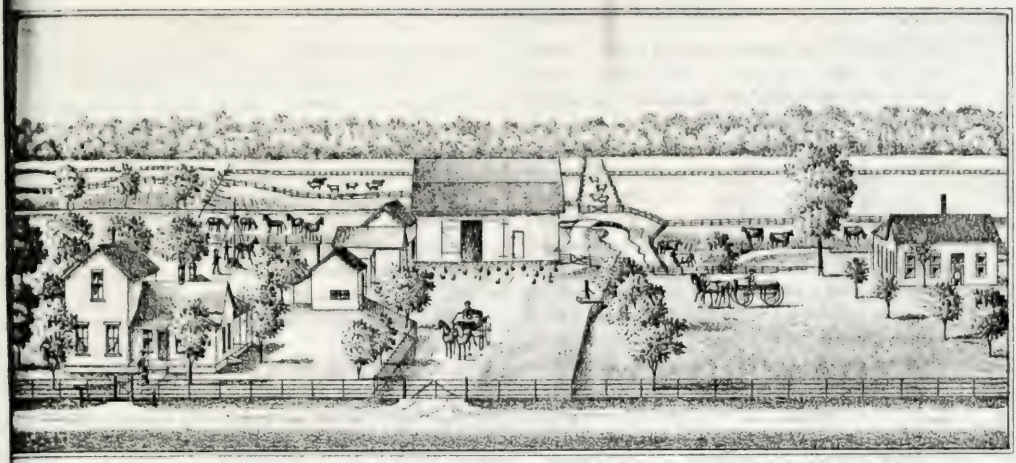

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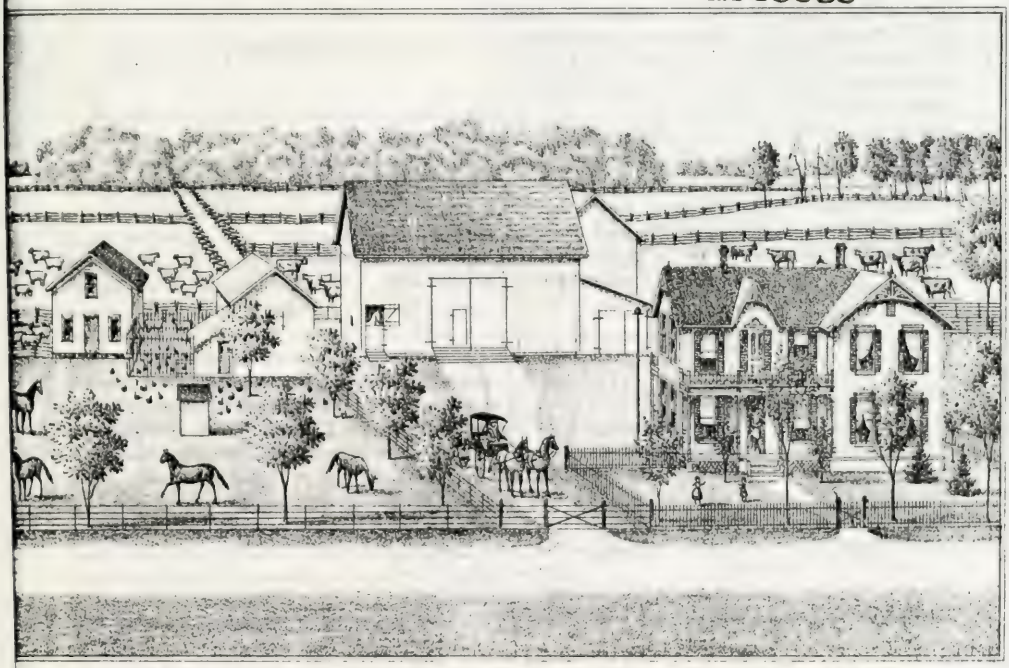

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subject was married July 4, 1878, to Sophia J. Duncan, a daughter of James Duncan of whom more is said elsewhere in this volume. To our subject and his wife have been born two children, George W. and Mary J. The Methodist Church is the religious body with which Mr. and Mrs. Foster have connected themselves and in which they are active and useful members. The political views of our subject bring him into affiliation with the Republican party and in its prosperity he feels deeply interested, yet he cannot be called a politician as he prefers the quiet of home life to the excitement of the political arena.

The citizens of Watertown Township are justly proud of the many beautiful homesteads which their section of country boasts, and among them one of the most attractive is that of Mr. Foster, which with its neat residence and well-kept buildings, indicates the thrift of the proprietor. A view of this place is presented elsewhere in this volume.

DAVID P. DEWEY, whose fine stock farm is situated on section 14, Grand Blanc Township, has acquired not only a local but a State reputation as a stock-breeder and we take pleasure in presenting this brief biography to our readers. He is a son of Joseph and Maria (Ranney) Dewey, and was born in Monroe County, N. Y., November 2, 1844. His home is now in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. His grandfather, Thomas Dewey, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Of the eleven children born to the parents our subject is next to the youngest, and of that number the following survive: George R., William H., Mary, wife of A. R. Hincher; Jesse P., James V., Hezekiah R., Martha, wife of J. L. Bangs; Thomas D., David P. and John.

David Dewey received his education in the public schools of Monroe County, N. Y. and then took a course in Eastman's Mercantile College at Rochester. For six terms he taught in Monroe County and then for one term in Woodbury County, Iowa. He was first married in New York to Minnie Thompson, who bore him one daughter, Minnie, who is a music teacher in Detroit. Mrs. Minnie Dewey died June 29, 1869. He had emigrated to Michigan the year following in company with his brother, the Hon. H. R. Dewey, and they bought a tract of two hundred acres in Grand Blanc Township, which they cultivated together for three years.

Our subject then settled on his present farm of one hundred acres which is under good cultivation, and he has made by his own energy and industry the property which he now owns. Fine American-Merino sheep, registered, are a specialty with him and he is one of the founders of the registration of sheep in Michigan. For a number of years he has been Chairman of the Pedigree Committee of Michigan. He also raises Percheron horses in which he is unusually successful.

Rachel Bates, a daughter of Charles Bates, an early settler of Grand Blanc Township, became the wife of our subject October 12, 1871, and she is now the mother of four children, Addie, Dell, Woodworth, and Beatrix. This gentleman is an earnest Republican in his political views and an active promoter of every movement looking to the betterment of the community. He is also a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and is now Past Commander. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey are highly esteemed members of society, and affable, cultured people, whose warm hospitality commends them to all who visit their home. Stock-breeding has been the life study of Mr. Dewey and his reputation attests his success in this.

WILLIAM W. CARMER, a representative pioneer of Genesee County, who resides on section 36, Atlas Township, is a native of Erie County, N. Y.; January 6, 1836, was the date of his birth. His parents, Elijah and Margaret (Wilson) Carmer, were natives of New Jersey, and his paternal grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier.

When only six months old our subject came with his father's family to Michigan and located two miles west of Pontiac, in Oakland County, but

after a short time removed to Genesee County and at one time lived where J. H. York now resides. They finally settled on the farm which is now the home of our subject and remained there from 1844 until the death of the father in the spring of 1860. The mother survived ten years longer. Four of their children are living, namely: Sarah A., now the widow of Charles Vaughn; Jemima, the wife of Mr. Porritt; William W., and Orpha, Mrs. Henry Burt.

Amid the scenes of pioneer life our subject grew to manhood and had his full share of hardships and privations and took his education in the district school. His marriage with Matilda Vantine, occurred February 16, 1862. She was born in this county March 31, 1842, and is a daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Vantine who were pioneers here. To Mr. and Mrs. Carmer have been born seven children and they have been so blessed as to retain all but one of them in this life. The eldest, Flora, is now the wife of Charles Cheney, and the others are George, Elmina, William, Archie and Nettie.

He of whom we write showed his devotion to his country during the hours of trouble and disaster by enlisting in the army in February, 1863, joining Company H, Thirteenth Michigan Infantry as a private. This regiment was placed in the Army of the Cumberland and took part in the battle of Chickamauga. In that terrible conflict our young hero was wounded in the right knee and he was discharged honorably November 10, the same year and returned to Michigan. Our subject is not drawing a pension notwithstanding he was wounded in the service of his country. Soon after his return Mr. Carmer rented the farm where he now lives which has been his home ever since, and here he owns one hundred and thirty-five acres of fine land which he has gained by his own industry and energy, supplemented by the prudence, economy and thrift of his worthy wife. He is a public-spirited citizen, ever helpful in movements designed to forward the social and business interests of the community. In his political views he is in harmony with the Democratic party and is a member of the Grand Army Post at Ortonville. He is especially interested in educational progress and has served in various school offices. Mrs. Carmer is a devout and active member of the Protestant Methodist Church and is highly esteemed in social circles.

JACOB R. WINGLEMIRE, a rising young business man of Fenton, Genesee County, and member of the manufacturing firm of Winglemire & Albertson, is also an extensive retail dealer in furniture. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y., April 14, 1856 and is a son of Joseph and Christine Winglemire, both of German birth. The father was a tailor who served nine years in the German army, five years for himself and afterward four years for another man. He came to America in 1852 and followed his trade in Syracuse, N. Y. Six years later he removed to Holly, Mich., where for some time he worked at his trade and afterward undertook cabinet-making.

The parents of our subject are both living, as are also their four children, and of this household our subject is the eldest. He received a common school education and learned the cabinet-making trade of his father at which he has worked. In 1878, being then twenty-two years old, he located at Fenton, and engaged in the furniture business in which he has since continued. He now occupies a two-story brick building which he owns, and which is entirely filled with his stock.

Mr. Winglemire had associated with himself in business Emery Fretenburg and William Albertson but now the firm is known as Winglemire & Albertson and they have bought a building and grounds and put in machinery for the manufacture of furniture, making a specialty of bedsteads, and shipping their goods mostly to Brooklyn and New York City.

Mr. Winglemire was in 1881 united in marriage with Vina Davis who was born at Davisburg, Oakland County, Mich., and is a daughter of Isaac L. Davis who was also born in Davisburg. The place was named for his father who was one of the very earliest settlers there. Mr. Davis died in 1881 and his wife is still living. The two children who

have been born to our subject and his worthy wife are Mabel H. and Agnes. He is a Republican in his political views but is not in any sense a politician. He started out in life without means and besides the business he has built up in Fenton he owns one hundred and fifty acres of fine timber land in Isabel and Otsego Counties, Mich.

ANDREW FERGUSON is a prominent farmer resident on section 33, Atlas Township, Genesee County. He is a native of the land whose sanguine and sunny-tempered sons have done a great deal toward building up the public confidence in various departments of commercial life. He was born in Londonderry County, Ireland, in July, 1822, and is a son of Daniel and Hannah (Hassin) Ferguson, who were both also natives of Ireland though of Scotch origin. Our subject was reared to manhood in his native country upon a farm.

As a lad Mr. Ferguson received a good English education in his native land. His aims have ever been above the average and he has become a very well-posted man. In 1848 he emigrated to America, taking passage at Londonderry on a sailing vessel and after a voyage of seven weeks and three days landed in New York City. The first year after arriving here he lived at Newburg on the Hudson, and the next two years he spent on a farm in Orange County, N. Y., thence going to Brockport, N. Y., where he learned the foundry business and served an apprenticeship of two years, after which he followed the trade continuously for some time.

In 1859 he returned to Ireland and was married May 26, to Miss Anna E. Young, who was born in County Donegal, November 11, 1831. She was a daughter of James S. and Mary E. Young. The parents were natives of the North of Ireland, although her paternal great-grandfather was a Scotchman and her maternal ancestors were English. In 1859 shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson returned to America, taking passage at Belfast on the steamer "City of Manchester" and after a voyage of twelve days they landed in New York. They came directly to Goodrich, Mich., and in the fall of 1859 settled on the farm where they now live, where Mr. Ferguson had come several years previously, having worked in the foundry at Goodrich for a number of years. He had purchased land from the Government in Tuscola County and owned a farm and resided there a portion of several years.

Of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson seven still live. They are Mary L., wife of W. J. Leader; Estella, wife of John Layman, a clerk in a store; Margaret E., a teacher; Martha I, wife of Edward Goodrich; Andrew J.; Jesse V., a teacher; and James V. Mr. Ferguson has done much hard work in developing his farm. He now owns two hundred and one acres of land which is under a good state of cultivation. He has been very successful in the accumulation of his property and has been ably assisted by the encouragement, the prudence and economy of his amiable and estimable wife.

Mr. Ferguson is a Democrat in his political liking and a man of excellent judgment as to the state of Governmental affairs. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Previous to coming to America Mrs. Ferguson was engaged in teaching in the national schools of Ireland. She is a most intelligent and interesting lady and both her husband and herself have a large circle of friends of which they are the center.

CHARLES G. WESTOVER is a farmer residing on section 8, Genesee Township, Genesee County. He was born in Canaan, Conn., December 29, 1839, and is a son of James and Julia (Hall) Westover, both natives of Massachusetts. The father was a farmer by occupation and after marriage they located on a farm in their native State and pursued their chosen calling. Thence they removed to Connecticut in 1838 and located in Canaan. After living there for a few years they moved back to Massachusetts and spent five years on the farm, thence moving to Indiana where the

head of the family died at the age of about forty-two years. He was the victim of the dread disease —consumption—which he had contracted while working in an ax factory in Collinsville, Conn. Our subject's mother still survives and makes her home in Indiana.

Our subject's paternal grandsire, Luther Westover, lived and died in the old Bay State. James and Julia Westover were the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter. All grew to manhood and womanhood and were named as follows: George C., Warren D., James P., Charles G., John W. and Juliette. John is a resident of San Francisco and has been engaged in the United States mint for the past fifteen years.

Our subject was reared in Massachusetts and there received his schooling at the village of Sheffield. He lived for the most part with his grandmother, Catherine Westover, but when twenty-one years of age he started out for himself. He first worked by the month on a farm receiving for his labor $12 per month. He was thus engaged for seven months and during that time saved money enough to take him to Canada. He located about sixty miles south of London and there carried on his uncle's farm for four years. In 1865 he returned to the States and came to Michigan. He first located at Bay City and there ran a sawmill for one season. He was also engaged in lumbering and in the grain business, remaining at that place until 1869.

At the above mentioned time our subject returned to Canada and was married to Mary E. Carpenter, a native of Norfolk County, Canada, who was born September 1, 1850. She was the fourth in order of birth of eleven children, of whom John B. and Rachel (Sterling) Carpenter were the parents. Immediately after marriage Mr. Westover and his bride located on the farm where they now reside and which has been their home ever since. They have four bright children, three sons and one daughter. The eldest is Clarence L., who was born August 13, 1870 in Bay City and is now Assistant Teller of the First National Bank there; William E., born August 23, 1872, is an attendant at the Business College at Flint; Bessie M., born October 26, 1873, and J. Brock, October 27, 1881, are at home.

Mr. Westover is the owner of one hundred and seventeen acres of well improved land. He does a general farming business and has been very successful. He has upon the place a fine two-story frame residence that was erected at a cost of $2,500. He also has two good barns and other valuable improvements. Politically he has always been a Republican. He, however, favors the Prohibition party at the present time. He has been School Inspector and is a member of the Congregational Church of which he is Deacon and Clerk. Socially he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.

WILLIAM R. WILSON. The gentleman whose name appears above is the efficient Postmaster who presides over the incoming and outgoing mails of Mt. Morris. He is a native of this State, having been born in Saginaw October 2, 1860. He is a son of Richard Wilson, an Englishman by birth and rearing. When twenty-three years of age our subject's father came to America and settled in Saginaw, this State. He was drowned in the Saginaw River in 1862, a tug running into the skiff in which he and his brother were crossing the river.

Our subject's mother was in her maiden days a Miss Anna Graham, like her husband a native of England. They were married in Saginaw and became the parents of two children. Of these our subject alone survives. His mother still lives and makes her home in Mt. Morris. Only a year and a year and a half old when bereft of his father, Mr. Wilson could scarcely realize the calamity that had befallen him. His mother later married Joseph Barber, who brought his wife and little stepson to Mt. Morris when the latter was but three years old. He here received his education and at the age of sixteen went to live with Dr. Bardwell and remained with him until he was twenty-one. Under this able preceptorship he learned the drug business and then went to work for Mr. H. D. Mann and remained with him as clerk in his general store for seven years. In 1889 our subject was appointed Postmaster of the village, receiving his

notification of appointment in the month of May.

Mr. Wilson has in connection with the postoffice a hardware business, which proves to be very remunerative. July 8, 1882, our subject assumed the responsibility and duties of married life, taking as his partner Miss Nellie Patterson, daughter of George L. Patterson of Clio. She was born in Canada and came to Michigan when young. Our subject and his wife are the parents of three daughters, Zola, Grace and Bernice.

Mr. Wilson is a Republican in his political sentiments and is one of the strongholds of his party in this vicinity. He now fills the office of Village Treasurer. Socially he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and Iron Hall of Mt. Morris.

LEWIS V. CURRY, the Postmaster of Fenton and a prominent hardware merchant, was born in Brighton, Livingston County, Mich., October 25, 1837. He is one of the most successful business men of this village and exerts a broad influence in the community. His father, Lewis M. Curry, was born in New York, January 31, 1807, and died at Brighton, July 14, 1842. The grandfather, John Curry, was a native of New York, and like his son, passed his last days at Brighton. The ancestry is supposed to be of Scotch extraction but the family for generations has lived in the North of Ireland. The great-grandfather of our subject, William Curry, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and lived to be almost ninety-six years old.

The grandfather of our subject came to Michigan about the age of forty-four. He was a highly respected citizen and a valuable member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His son, Lewis M., became first a teacher and then a lawyer, graduating at Owego. He was married February 25, 1835, to Sarah A. Maynard and the following year came West, where he engaged in the mercantile business in Brighton, Livingston County. On account of ill health he subsequently removed to Smithfield Pa., but returned to Michigan and undertook teaching, and died in 1842. He was a man of marked ability and had purposed to practice law eventually. The mother of our subject still lives in Brighton at the age of seventy-three, and she is now the wife of David Thompson. She is well known as a stanch Presbyterian. There were two children by the first marriage and three by the second.

Mr. Curry was the first white child born in Brighton and was quite young when his father died. He took a course at the Normal School, Ypsilanti, also at the Commercial College at Detroit, and until he was fifteen years old he worked in his stepfather's foundry, thus obtaining a good knowledge of that business. He spent five years clerking in a store and somewhat later clerked for a year in Brighton. In 1852 he went to Colorado across the plains and saw much of the various tribes of Indians and thousand of buffaloes. They located at Boulder and mined on the Boulder River which they changed from its natural channel, and were successful for about six months. Denver had then but one log house "The house that Jack built." Returning to the East he again resumed clerking.

In June, 1861, Mr. Curry enlisted in the army. He raised nearly the whole of Company K, Ninth Michigan Infantry and was made its Second Lieutenant. The Ninth built forts at the junction of the Salt River with the Ohio, and at various other points. This regiment was placed mostly in positions of trust and did not see much active service. In 1862 it was sent to guard the Nashville and Louisville Railroad, and took part in the battle of Ft. Donaldson. It had the honor of encountering the great raider, Morgan, May 5, 1862, and drove him from point to point. Lieut. Curry was in charge of a force of about three hundred men at Murfreesboro, previous to the time when Gen. Forrest attacked that city with three mounted cavalry, and our subject was captured with the entire force, but he slipped out through the lines and escaped. Having reported to Nashville he was sent to Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio, to take charge of the paroled prisoners, but in October he returned to Nashville in time to participate in the battle of Stone River, after which he resigned on account of being afflicted with inflammation of the eyes and was nearly blind for four years. He

was offered a captaincy if he would return to the army, but ill health prevented an acceptance of this honor.

In February, 1863, Lieut. Curry located at Fenton and engaged in the grocery business and two years later took up the drug business. In the fall of 1867 he purchased a hardware store in which business he still continues. He was married August 12, 1862, at 199 Cass Street, Detroit, to Miss Abbie J., daughter of Chamberlain and Lucy (Thompson) Barry.

Mrs. Curry was born in Sodus N. Y., May 16, 1842. Mr. Barry now lives Fowlerville, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Curry have seven children, Ira G., who graduated at the Michigan University in the Class of '86 and is in the hardware business at Owosso; Arthur L., who is in the same line of business here; Herbert V. (deceased); twins who died in infancy; Lura May and Grace A., and to all of these has been granted an excellent education.

Mr. Curry has been active politically and is frequently a delegate to Republican conventions. Besides being Chairman of the township Committee he has been Marshal of Fenton Township, Clerk, and a member of the Common Council, and was appointed Postmaster of Fenton in July, 1890. The Fenton Union Agricultural Society has for eight years had his services as Treasurer. He is a member of the Board of Trustees in the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he and Mrs. Curry both belong, and he is identified with the Knights of Honor and the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is Commander at present.

GEORGE W. HIGLEY is a prominent farmer, residing on section 10, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, and is the son of William Simpson Higley, a native of Massachusetts, who, previous to his coming to Michigan, carried on the occupations of a farmer and merchant. The father was the son of Jesse Higley, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The mother was Lois Turrell, a sister of the Hon. James Turrell, for a history of whom see the sketch of G. N. Turrell. They were married in Vermont, and there they resided until they came to Michigan in 1832. They might be called pioneers of this county, as very few people then lived here. He bought his farm of one hundred and sixty acres from the Government and settled upon it, moving his family on it in 1833. They came from Vermont through Canada, by team all the way. He was in fair circumstances for those times. He first built a board shanty then a log house, which later he occupied for several years, when they progressed to a frame house. He had two hundred and forty acres, all wild and raw, of which he cleared one hundred and eighty. He was also engaged in the lumbering business, owned a watermill and operated it for custom work. His wife died November 18, 1855, at the age of sixty years, and he survived until April 1, 1868, when he too passed away at the age of seventy-nine years.

This worthy couple were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are now living: William S., Mary E., Y. T., George W., Ellen M. Kellogg, Marian A. Morse and Alice Chipman. The parents were members of the Congregational Church. In politics Mr. Higby was a Whig, a very strong Abolitionist and later a stanch Republican. He was Sheriff of this county and acted as Registrar of Deeds, in lieu of his eldest son.

Our subject was born in Vermont, May 30, 1830. He was an infant when his parents came to Michigan. He received his education at the Lapeer schools, also became a student at the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, and afterward taught school for a short time. He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-seven years old, caring for the place then began business for himself by buying some land one and one-half miles south of here. It was pine land with which his father's mill was supplied. He continued to operate this mill until 1876, and also carried on the farm, having bought out the estate when his father died.

In 1880 Mr. Higley entered the mercantile business in Lapeer in which business he continued for six years after which he sold out, since which time he has devoted himself to his farm, now owning four hundred acres of land, three hundred and fifty of which are under good cultivation. Two

hundred and seventy acres are under his own special supervision, and the rest of the land is leased. He built a residence and one barn during his father's life, all the rest having been built since then. He carries on general farming and is interested in thoroughbred Merino sheep. He has some very fine specimens which have been registered in the Vermont State Registry book. He was one of the School Board for many years. In politics Mr. Higley is a Republican. At present he is Highway Commissioner of Lapeer Township, this being his third year. He was a candidate for Supervisor three times but, his party being in the minority, he was defeated. He has been delegate many times to conventions.

WILLIAM LEWIS. The secrets of brewing malt liquors have been brought to this country from Germany and England. Probably the largest interests in this country are now owned by the latter nationality, hence it is not surprising that our subject should be the proprietor of the large brewery located on the Thread River, in Flint, and that he is an Englishman, a native of Harwell village, Berkshire. He was born May 8, 1829, and is a son of William and Hannah (Dines) Lewis, the former a brewer in our subject's native place.

Our subject's father accumulated a comfortable fortune before his decease, which occurred in 1836, when forty-four years of age. He of whom we write was the youngest of seven children who were born to his parents. Four of these, three boys and one girl, came to America, but with the exception of our subject all are deceased. Two of the children still live in England. William attended school in his native land but knew nothing of the free school system as we have it here. When seventeen years of age he came to America alone, leaving London, February 21, 1846, and coming on the sailing vessel "St. James," the voyage occupying thirty-eight days. After landing in New York City he proceeded to Monroe County and was engaged in various occupations until the fall of 1846, when he came to Waterford Township, Oakland County.

While in Rochester, Mich. our subject was engaged in the brewing and distilling business. In 1851 he made a trip to Flint to see his sister, and in the spring of that year returned to England and after a visit to his home and having enjoyed the sights of the World's Exposition in London, he returned to America. He was in Rochester, Mich. until 1852, when he came to Flint and was engaged in trade here for four years, serving as foreman of the brickmaking business in use in the mute institute. He then went into partnership with Samuel Elston, manufacturing brick, and two years later he began to manufacture barrels, then resumed his early trade, which was that of brewing. In 1880 he purchased the brewery from Burroughs; it was founded in 1851 by Beasley. Since Mr. Lewis has had charge of it he has greatly improved it. It now occupies one and a half acres of land on the Thread River, and on the corner of Saginaw and Fifteenth Streets.

The original of our sketch was married September 20, 1855, in Flint to Miss Lucina Buchanan, a daughter of George Buchanan, a native of Bath, N. Y. The Buchanan family traces its ancestry back to England and its representatives in this country have been well-known patriots. The father of Mrs. Lewis was a cooper in Danville, N. Y. He came to Genesee County in 1845 and located in Flint, where he was engaged in the manufacture of barrels. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Washburn and a native of Reading, Schuyler County, N. Y., and a daughter of Nathan Washburn, a native of Tolland, Vt. He served in the War of 1812 and his father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Lewis' mother died while an inmate of her daughter's family, June 22, 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are the parents of three children—George M., who is an engineer at Alpena; Isabelle, the wife of Clark B. Dibble; and Julia W., who died at the age of twenty-one years, her decease taking place February 23, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have a very pleasant home at No. 1136, Church Street. Mrs. Lewis is a member of the

Methodist Episcopal denomination. Her parents were among the first organizers of the Bath Methodist Church. Our subject is a firm believer in the efficacy of the Democratic party.

FRED D. LANE, Superintendent of the People's Electric Light and Power Company, was born August 15, 1867, in Flint, and is the son of John and Ellen (Mackin) Lane, natives of Queens County, Ireland. His grandfather, John Lane, Sr., was also born there but emigrated to America, coming directly to Michigan, where he purchased a farm in Flint Township, Genesee County, some time in the '50s. This place he improved with a substantial set of buildings, and cultivated the soil, bringing it to a splendid condition through proper rotation of crops and the planting of the cereals best adapted to the land. He died in Lewiston, N. Y. John Lane, Jr., the father of our subject, accompanied his parents to America, when a youth of fifteen years, and spent the remainder of his life in Michigan. He was a prudent, industrious man, honored by the people wherever he resided and a successful farmer.

Fred D., of this sketch, who is now in his early manhood, is already well established as an enterprising business man. He was reared in Flint, attending the grammar and High Schools of this city until he was fourteen. He then entered the telephone office, beginning at the bottom round of the ladder and working up through various promotions until after three and one-half years spent in the office, he became inspector of the various lines, and then inspector of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, for the greater portion of this State. In 1884 he became an employe of the Electric Light Company, accepting at first a position of minor importance and by steady industry and faithfulness to his employers' interests he was promoted to the position of Superintendent of the company. This important position he has held since 1885 with marked success.

Mr. Lane is a member of the National Association of Engineers and is Vice-President of the Flint Association. The electric light plant is located on Flint River at the head of Saginaw Street and is on a firm financial basis, with a capital stock of $100,000. It is run by steam with two hundred horse power, and consists of one hundred and thirty arc and twelve hundred incandescent lights. Since 1886 Mr. Lane has been a member of the Fire Department of Flint. He is a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and believes that the principles of that party are for the highest good of the Government. His marriage in Flint August 12, 1890, united him with Miss Helen Van Wormer, daughter of C. W. and Rillie (Clapp) Van Wormer. Mrs. Lane is a cultured lady with many graces of character and occupies a high place in the social circles of Flint.

GEORGE NIGHTINGALE, of Burlington Township, Lapeer County, is one of those men who honor any calling in which they may find themselves. He is an honest, intelligent farmer, who has achieved true success and has by economy and attention to business amassed a valuable property. He was born in Lancaster, N. H., in 1826, and came with his father and two brothers to Lapeer County in 1837, taking up a farm of eighty acres, east of the village of Lapeer. Here it was he grew to maturity and was married in 1846 to Delia, daughter of Sherman Rockwell.

The young couple resided in Arcadia Township, until they came to Burlington Township, which has since been the family home. Unto them were born eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Charlotte E., became the wife of Richard Simmonds, who has departed this life; Myra, married James English of Tuscola County; Melissa, wife of James Mitchell, of North Branch Township; Willard, deceased; Rose, now the wife of Frank Landon of Burlington; Harriet, Mrs. Charles Gates, of North Branch; Walter, who is at home, married Rosella V. Peck, December 28, 1881; and G. Mateland, deceased.

Yours Truly
Sarah Caley.

Yours Truly
Thomas Cally

The parents of our subject were Daniel and Nancy (Morgan) Nightingale, the father being born in Massachusetts in 1778, and the mother is supposed to have been born in the same State, her parents being Virginians. The parents of Daniel Morgan were born in England and came to America when young. Our subject is a Democrat in his political convictions and has been one all through his life. He owns a beautiful farm of one hundred and twenty acres and has upon it good, substantial buildings and other improvements.

Mrs. Nightingale died in February, 1890, on the home farm in Burlington Township. She was born in Tiffin, Ohio, and lived to be fifty-eight years old. Her parents were also natives of Tiffin, and there her father died. After his death the widowed mother brought the family to Lapeer County, and her daughter Delia became Mrs. Nightingale when she was only fifteen years old.

THOMAS CALEY. The gentleman who lives on the farm on section 32, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, is one of the pioneers of this district whose varied experiences as viewed now through the pleasant light of success and comfortable situation, form one of his most pleasing themes of thought and conversation. He is a son of Mathias Caley, a farmer on the Isle of Man, who was there born May 9, 1780. Our subject's mother was Mary (Stevens) Caley, also a native of the Isle of Man, whose decease took place in 1843 at the age of sixty-three years.

Our subject's parents were married in the old country and came to America in 1828, remaining in Oneida County, N. Y., until 1836, when they came to Michigan and settled on section 5, Metamora Township, Lapeer County. They were among the very first to settle in that vicinity and the barn which he built, which was the second in the township, still stands. There were then only three families in the township and the country was wild indeed. Frequently an entire week would pass without the family seeing a human face outside of their own home circle. There were plenty of Indians, however, and wild animals. He there built a log house and cleared his land, improving eighty acres before his death. Mathias Caley died December 26, 1858. Of the three children born to them two are now living and of these the subject of our sketch is the younger. His brother John, who was a retired farmer, residing in the city of Lapeer, died October 20, 1891, at the age of eighty years.

Thomas Caley was born June 25, 1814, on the Isle of Man. He was fourteen years of age when he came to America and here learned the carpenters' and joiners' trade at which he worked for seven years and then began for himself at eighteen years of age. In 1835 he came to Michigan, preceding his parents one year, and when they became too aged to have the responsibilities of life he took care of them. In July, 1841, he was married to Jane Carran, a native of the Isle of Man. They made their home on the old homestead. Mrs. Jane Caley died at the age of fifty-eight years. November 11, 1862, our subject again married, his wife being Sarah Looney, also a native of the Isle of Man, who was brought to America by her parents when an infant and was an early settler in Oakland County, this State. Our subject and his present wife are the parents of two children—Thomas Mathias and William R. The elder, lives in Metamora Township and is married to Mary Dickey, and they are the parents of one child. William, who is twenty-three years of age, (1891) still lives at home.

Mr. Caley is a large landowner in this State, having seven hundred acres in a body in this locality and over two thousand acres all told in Michigan; although advanced in years he attends to all the business of his various farms and runs them successfully. He began in life a poor boy and has accumulated his present handsome fortune by industry, prudence and frugality. He gives his whole attention to general farming, dealing largely in grain, and owning some fine graded stock. He is also quite an extensive money-lender and represents the largest financial interests of the county, having paid $500 taxes last year.

Our subject and his wife are attendants of the Episcopal Church and are generous supporters

of Gospel work as is founded by that denomination. He is a Democrat, but has never had ambition to hold office, his individual interests being paramount to other considerations. He was, however, been Road Overseer and Highway Commissioner and takes an active interest in the advantages that the various incumbents of public offices secure to the district.

In connection with this sketch the reader will notice lithographic portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Caley.

HENRY C. VAN ATTA. This prominent attorney-at-law and ex-Circuit Court Commissioner of Fenton, was born in Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., April 25, 1844, and is a son of James W. Van Atta, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1808. The latter at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to the trade of a cabinet-maker and followed his trade in Wayne County, N. Y. About the year 1846 he removed to Mt. Clemens, Macomb County, Mich., and four years later came to Fenton, where he died in 1880. He had carried on for some years a furniture store in this place.

James Van Atta, the grandfather, practiced law in Philadelphia for some years and was a strong Jacksonian Democrat, and held various public offices. The family is of Holland and French extraction. Ann M. Shaw, who became the wife of James Van Atta and the mother of our subject, was born in New Jersey and died November 9, 1889, at the age of eighty-five years, leaving two children, Horatio and our subject.

The subject of this sketch was but seven years old when he came to Fenton and here took his education. He started in the furniture business when he was twenty years old but a year later sold out and enlisted February 24, 1865, in Company A, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, under Col. Henry A. Morrow. He joined his regiment in March at Camp Butler, near Springfield, Ill., and there remained until the war closed, being mustered out July 5, 1865. After the close of the war Mr. Van Atta again entered the furniture business and was in partnership with his brother until 1872, when he sold out his interest and began to study law. He was admitted to the bar in this county in March, 1874, since which time he has devoted himself to his profession. He has held the office of Circuit Court Commissioner for over six terms.

The marriage of Mr. Van Atta and Sarah A. Fox took place May 1, 1871. This lady was born at Lindley Roads, Canada, May 3, 1851. Her eldest child is Edith M., born April 18, 1872, and now a teacher in the Union schools of Fenton. The three younger ones are William H. and Helen C., who are attending school and Roy, who died in 1883. When a boy Mr. Van Atta was a Democrat as was also his father and all his friends, but in 1856 he attended a Republican mass meeting and heard a speech by old Gov. Blair and was converted to the doctrines of the Republican party, since which time he has been active in that field of politics. He has been a delegate to county, district, Senatorial and State conventions and has done considerable service as a stump speaker.

The Sons of Temperance and the Good Templars both count Mr. Van Atta as among their representative members and he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since he was twenty-one years old, and to this religious body his wife also belongs. He has a pleasant home in Fenton and practices in this and adjoining counties. He raises some fine Morgan horses in which he takes great interest.

EDWIN S. RANDOLPH. The private business interests of our subject are centered in his establishment, where may be found the finest of gentlemen's furnishing goods, including hats and fine shoes. In the city government Mr. Randolph takes a place among the Aldermen, representing the Third Ward. Our subject was born in Detroit, June 10, 1857. He is a son of Jesse and Jane (Smith) Randolph, the former a native of Lyons, N. Y., and the latter of Wayne

County, Mich. Our subject's paternal grandsire, who was born in 1800, and in the Empire State, was a farmer by calling and located at Lyons. He was one of the first in Wayne County settling near Detroit.

Our subject's grandfather improved a farm from new land in this State, first locating among the Indians. He died upon his place at the age of sixty-eight years; he was of English descent. The father of Mr. Randolph, who was only three or four years of age when brought to this State, remained upon the farm until twenty-two years of age and then engaged in the merchandise business on Woodward Avenue, Detroit, handling dry-goods and general merchandise. In 1871 he removed to Ypsilanti, and launched into the manufacture of cigar. About 1882 he removed his factory to Flint, where he now resides. His business, however, was sold to Harry W. Watson, a wholesale cigar dealer.

The mother of him of whom we write was a daughter of Benjamin Smith, a native of New Jersey, but of Dutch descent. He was one of the earliest settlers near Detroit, where he died. Five children comprise the family to which our subject belonged and of these he is the eldest; following him are Wylie J., who was killed at the encampment of the Michigan troops at Brighton, in 1881, by a railroad accident, and Cora (Mrs. C. W. Ingraham), who resides at Charlotte.

Our subject was reared and educated in Detroit. He entered his father's store in 1872, and then became clerk for the clothing house of C. S. Wortley of Ypsilanti, with whom he remained for four years. Then he returned to Detroit and was in the employ of C. R. Mabley, the largest clothing house in Michigan, until 1881. Our subject came to Flint at the last named date and entered into partnership with William Gorton, which firm continued for three years, being located on Sangamon Street. At the death of his brother our subject engaged with his father in the cigar business and ran it with him for one year.

Returning to Detroit, Mr. Randolph again took a position with Mabley & Co. until 1888, when he returned to Flint and started into the clothing and furnishing business, in which he continued until June 19, 1891, when he sold out his stock, but September 14, of the same year started in his present business. He occupies an imposing block which has a frontage of twenty feet and a depth of one hundred and twenty feet and which has three floors. Mr. Randolph resides at No. 925 Grand Travis Street.

He of whom we write was married in this city in 1883, to Miss Lizzie B. Quigley, a native of this place, who graduated at St. Mary's Convent, Monroe, Monroe County. They have one child, a son, Don Q. In 1889 Mr. Randolph was elected Alderman, and in 1891 was re-elected on the Democratic ticket, although the ward which he represented is strongly Republican. He has acted as Chairman of several committees. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is also a Master Mason and is numbered among the Elks and the Knights of the Maccabees.

PROF. SAMUEL BICKLEY is an ardent believer in the applications of sociology and also believes that one can tell the characteristics of the human animal by the means of phrenology. Although he has never accumulated great store of wealth Prof. Bickley has certainly been an intellectual stimulus to society in Flint, for so fresh and original are his ideas as to invariably call out thought in others. He is now engaged in market gardening and finds great pleasure in watching the growth of the green things of earth.

Prof. Bickley was born in Anfield, Middlesex, England, about ten miles from London, November 30, 1816. He is a son of Samuel and Mary (Alford) Bickley. His father was a carpenter and an architect. On locating in London he became a member of the first cooper's society in that city. He was pressed into the English naval service and was on Nelson's ship "Trafalgar" for seven years. In 1836 he brought his family to America and located in Flint where he became engaged as a gardener. He lived to be one hundred and nine years old and during his last years was a great sufferer, as he became almost petrified. The family is a long lived

one, our subject's grandfather living to be one hundred years old. The ancestry on the maternal side of the house is of excellent stock. Mrs. Bickley's father was a man of wealth but running through several estates, he finally died a poor man. He belonged to the nobility of England. Mrs. Bickley died in Flint at the age of eighty-five years.

Of three children that comprised the family to which our subject belonged he is the only one living. He was reared in London from the time he was fifteen years of age and was engaged in gardening. He left London on the sailing vessel "President" and arriving in America came to Flint in the fall of 1836. He purchased one hundred acres three miles west of Flint. This he cleared and built a log house. He manufactured brick upon his place from which he built a fine residence, and improved his place to the fullest extent. He took great pride in his farm, having the best orchard in the county. In 1877 he sold his farm and came to the city, purchasing a residence on Beach Street and has since been engaged in gardening.

It was our subject who conceived the idea of improving the Hascall swamp by drainage and fertilization. It is now the richest garden in the county, comprising three acres. The celery which is taken from it sells for $600 per annum and other stuff for $400. Mr. Bickley's interest in phrenology dates from his meeting with a Mr. Deville of London, a gentleman who devoted himself to science. He later met other phrenologists and so greatly was his interest aroused that he began his study in 1843 and has since devoted a great deal of time to it. He has had quite an extensive lecture tour where he was always greeted cordially and received with pleasing interest. He frequently contributes articles on his favorite topic for the press and he believes his masterpiece in this direction to have been the phrenological study of Victoria Woodhull's history. He is a ready and fluent speaker and is conversant with French besides his native language.

Prof. Bickley was married February 10, 1843, to Miss Rachel Barry, a Canadian lady. Five children were born to this union. Their names are Samuel, George, Charles, Linda and Victoria. The eldest son is a farmer and stockman in Flint Township; George is a mechanic and millwright; Charles is a fine musician; Linda, Mrs. Murray, resides in Flint; Victoria, Mrs. R. Webster, lives in Gladwin. While our subject was on the farm he took the first premium at Flint for the finest farm in the county. He is a Republican.

JAMES L. HITCHCOCK. The business circles of Tuscola County acknowledge a worthy representative in the subject of this biographical notice, who is a hardware merchant in Cass City. Having come to this place about twenty years ago he has become a familiar figure to his fellow-citizens, and by his honest dealings has gained a large trade, and, what is better still, has won the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. It is to such as he that the county is indebted for its present high standing among other counties of Michigan, for it has ever been his aim to promote by his influence and means all enterprises calculated to develop the resources of the community. Our readers will be pleased to peruse the following account of his life and to notice on another page a view of his stores.

James L. Hitchcock was born January 10, 1830, and educated in Oriskany Falls, Oneida County, N. Y. He is a son of Hiram and Lucinda (Greenleaf) Hitchcock, of the same county and State. Hiram, born November 24, 1797, was the son of Amos, whose birth occurred August 29, 1771, in the town of Oxford, now a part of New Haven, Conn. Samuel, born in 1741 in the same place, was a descendant of Malachi Hitchcock, whose name appears on the enrollment list of New Haven, date 1613. He probably was born about 1623 and was a son of Samuel Hitchcock, who with his family and two brothers, David and Austin, emigrated from England in 1639, becoming among the first pioneers of Connecticut and serving as its defenders in the Revolutionary War.

When our subject became of age he learned the tinsmith's trade of his uncle A. M. Hitchcock a practical workman and dealer in hardware. September

10, 1858, he purchased from the Government one hundred and twenty acres in what is now known as Koylton and Dayton Townships, Tuscola County. February 2, 1859, he purchased his first bill of merchandise in the State, of Messrs. Buhl & Duchamp of Detroit. Moving on his land, he built a log cabin which he covered temporarily with sheet iron (afterward made into camp kettles and sold to the Indians). He was the pioneer hardware man in Central and Northern Tuscola, his shop being located in a dense forest, which abounded in bears, deer, wolves and other wild animals. He built the first frame house for miles around and manufactured tinware and other goods in his line, such as Indians and the few white settlers required. His goods he sold largely through A. K. King and Norman Barrows, United States mail carriers between Port Sanilac and Vassar. The manufacture of those articles occupied his evenings and rainy days, while in pleasant weather he was busily engaged in improving his place.

Mr. Hitchcock was married in Edinburg, Portage County, Ohio, to Miss Carrie M. Turnbull, of North Jackson, Ohio, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Turnbull. Mrs. Hitchcock attended Hiram College when James A. Garfield was its President, and completed her education at the Female Seminary in Steubenville, Ohio. After she was married she taught school two years in Tuscola County, walking two miles to and from school both night and morning. On March 21, 1861, Mr. Hitchcock moved to Wahjamega, erected a store and residence, and while he worked at his trade his wife acted as clerk. After residing there nearly eight years, he removed, September 6, 1872, to Cass City, where he has since been engaged in building, farming and merchandising. He purchased a wooden store building and residence, which he utilized until he erected his three-story brick block, where he now conducts his large business. This when completed will have a frontage of ninety-four feet on Main Street and one hundred feet on Leack Street.

Mr. Hitchcock also purchased eighty acres which is now in the corporate limits of the village; through this land the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railroad runs and its buildings are located on land given by Mr. Hitchcock as a bonus. Nearly forty acres of his land has been platted for village purposes, and the town hall adjacent to the Hitchcock Block was erected on land which he gave for that purpose. He and his wife have four children: George L., born in Dayton November 6, 1864; Amos A., in Wahjamega, October 21, 1867; Carrie E., in the same place July 6, 1870, and Iris, in Cass City, October 1, 1879. Since the advent of Mr. Hitchcock in Cass City, he has identified himself closely with its advancement and contributed materially to its welfare.

In his political views Mr. Hitchcock is a stanch Republican and has held the office of Justice of the Peace, Road Commissioner, School Inspector of Dayton Township, as well as Treasurer of Cass City and Councilman, which office he held many years. Through many of the early days of his business here he was compelled to haul his goods from Saginaw to this point, which made his work heavy indeed. However, he has lived to enjoy the result of the arduous toil of former years and now in the possession of a comfortable competency and surrounded by a large circle of loving relatives and friends, he is passing his declining years, undisturbed by dark poverty or irksome cares.

JOSEPH KREINER. At the present time a resident of North Branch Township, Lapeer County, where he has a fine farm, our subject was born in Lewis County, N. Y., January 21, 1836. He is a son of Hubert and Barbara (Zimmerman) Kreiner. His parents were from France and came to America in 1831. His father was a farmer by occupation and our subject was reared upon a farm in the Empire State. He received but moderate educational advantages, as his parents were in straitened circumstances. The result of his work was cast into the family treasury until he was twenty-four years old.

Mr. Kreiner came to Michigan in his twenty-third year and located in Lapeer County. He began work in the lumber woods, which he found to

be lucrative if hard. After a stay of about one year in this portion of the country our subject took up his present place. He found it to be very wild and entirely unimproved. He cleared and improved the place himself, putting upon it many valuable additions in the way of buildings and accessories of good farm implements.

He of whom we write was married in January, 1859, to Miss Caroline Himes of New York State. Seven children have blessed this union—Hubert, Gregor, Adam, Frank, Nicholas, William and John P. The family as yet has never been invaded by death. He has always followed farming for a living and has been very successful in his efforts. Mr. Kreiner is a Democrat in politics. He has held the office of Commissioner of Highways for seven years and has also been Constable for two or three years. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

DUDLEY S. REID, of Mundy Township, Genesee County, is a son of Benjamin D. Reid, who was born in New York, and grandson of John Reid, a Scotchman. Ellis Shaw, who became the wife of Benjamin D. Reid and the mother of our subject, was born in New York.

Our subject is the ninth in a family of eleven children and was born in Rush, Monroe County, N. Y., August 15, 1824. At the age of ten years he came with his parents to Genesee County, Mich., and soon after their arrival here the parents died, leaving the orphaned children in Grand Blanc Township, this county. Here Dudley grew to manhood and early found employment among neighbors in Grand Blanc and Mundy Townships. He has devoted himself mostly to farming although he was for two years when a young man engaged in shoemaking.

Mr. Reid was married in Grand Blanc Township in 1848, to Julia A. Hallock, a Vermonter by birth. For four years they lived in Grand Blanc Township and then settled on a farm which is now the family home in Mundy Township. They had six children: Frank S., a farmer; Kittie, the wife of John Beckwith; John F., a merchant in South Dakota; Fred A.; Grant V., a merchant at Sioux City, Iowa; and Jennie, now Mrs. Philip Alexander. Mrs. Julia A. Reid died in Mundy Township, in November, 1864.

The second marriage of our subject took place in Lowell, Kent County, Mich., March 11, 1866, his bride being Mrs. Martha (Cofflin) Wilson, daughter of Michael and Martha (Freeman) Cofflin and widow of Joseph Wilson, who died in Lowell, Mich., in July, 1864. Six children were born of this marriage, namely: Merritt, Martha J., Carlos, Ardella, Horace and Ella.

Mr. Reid in his political views is attached to the doctrines and policy of the Republican party. Mrs. Reid is an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist Church. Upon this farm our subject has erected a first-class set of farm buildings and the estate comprises one hundred and twenty broad and fertile acres. He is a public-spirited man and one who has the welfare of his township at heart. The influence exerted by this valued family is ever in the direction of forwarding the welfare of the community and the prosperity, both social and material, of the people of the township.

EDWARD BURROUGH. This section of country has always proved very attractive to citizens of foreign birth, who have come to America with a desire to gain for themselves the benefits of a home in the land of liberty and an opportunity for independence. The fertility of Michigan was early made a subject of conversation among the yeomanry of England and their attention was called to the advantages offered here. In consequence of this many of them emigrated to this country and among them we find Edward Burrough. Upon coming to America he made his first home in Canada but for many years he has been identified with the representative citizens of Genesee County.

The parents of our subject were Richard and

Elizabeth (Farmer) Burrough, natives of Devonshire, England, where both were reared to years of maturity. The father was by occupation a farmer, and he was enabled by untiring industry to gain from it a good living for his family. The subject of this biographical notice was born in Devonshire, England, on March 16, 1834. At that early day the Mother Country did not give to her children the excellent educational advantages now afforded, but our subject received a good common-school education. He has always been a close student of national issues and is well informed on all topics of current interest.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Burrough crossed the broad Atlantic to Canada, where he began in business as a butcher in Collingwood. Thence one year later he came to Michigan in September, 1857, and locating in Pontiac, worked at his trade for five years. Next we find him in Oil City, Pa., where he sojourned three years and had the climate there suited him, he would doubtless never returned West, as opportunities for fortune were given him which were enticing. Upon his return to Michigan he came to Flint, but after a short sojourn there, he came to Genesee County, and bought a farm, upon which he operated for two years. Selling this place he returned to Flint and resumed his trade there, finding an ample field for his exertions and was thus engaged for three years. Later he purchased the Beasley Brewery and for ten years was occupied in brewing beer, and during this time was engaged also at the drover's business. Since giving up that business he has been engaged exclusively in general farming upon his present estate of two hundred and sixty acres in Forest Township to which place he came in 1882. Along with the cultivating of the soil he has dealt in live stock, meeting with satisfactory success in both departments of agriculture.

On April 2, 1857, Mr. Burrough was married to Miss Ann Baker, who was born and reared in England. They have a family of five children—Edward J., Frank W., Eva E., Charles J. and Alice B. With the exception of Alice, all have established homes of their own, and are occupying responsible positions in their respective communities. A great sorrow came to the family on April 18, 1869, when the loving wife and the tender mother was called from the home to which she had devoted her life, and where she was so greatly missed. Her remains were interred in Flint, Mich., but the memory of her noble life is a precious heritage which will always live in the hearts of her children. Politically Mr. Burrough is a stanch Democrat and although he has never sought office, he consented to serve one term as Supervisor of Forest Township, and is at present serving as a school officer.

ALBERT C. AND WILLIAM F. GALBRAITH, of North Branch, Lapeer County were born in Oxford County, Ontario, Canada and their natal days were February 25, 1860 and January 21, 1862 respectively. The father, Francis J. Galbraith, was born in Toronto, Canada, and there had his early training, while the mother, Eliza (Schell) Galbraith, was born in Ontario and there resided until after her marriage. The sons received every advantage of a common-school education, and were not debarred from the privilege of attending to their studies all through their days of boyhood and youth. It was about the year 1868 when their parents came to Michigan and located in Lexington, although they did not reside there long, removing to Algonac and afterward to North Branch.

The father of these gentlemen was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church but he was also at some time during his life connected with the mercantile business and at various times undertook farming. The sons early chose the newspaper work as their line of business and are now the publishers of the North Branch *Gazette*. This paper was purchased in 1879 from V. S. Miller who had established it some four years previous, and in its conduct the brothers have been engaged from that time to this. They are young men of ability and talent and these are freely exercised in both the business and editorial departments.

The North Branch *Gazette* is independent in its politics and devotes itself more particularly to the local interests of the community than to campaign

work. Since the Galbraith brothers took hold of it has become increasingly prosperous from year to year, and whereas its earlier circulation was extremely limited they have now built it up to some two thousand circulation. A. C. Galbraith is now a member of the Village Council and is a man of considerable influence in the community as is also his brother. They stand high in the social circles of the place and are both of them still enjoying single blessedness.

CHARLES BAKER, Jr. The genial and able Supervisor of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, is a representative property owner of this portion of the district. He has a fine farm located on section 11, and here demonstrates the advantages of the modern way of doing agricultural labor. Mr. Baker was born in Devonshire, England, April 17, 1848, and is the son of Charles and Eliza (Dymond) Baker, natives of the land upon whose dominions the sun never sets. When our subject was nine years old his parents emigrated to America, taking passage at Plymouth in a sailing-vessel, and after a voyage of several weeks, landed at a Canadian port and via Hamilton, Canada, came to Genesee County.

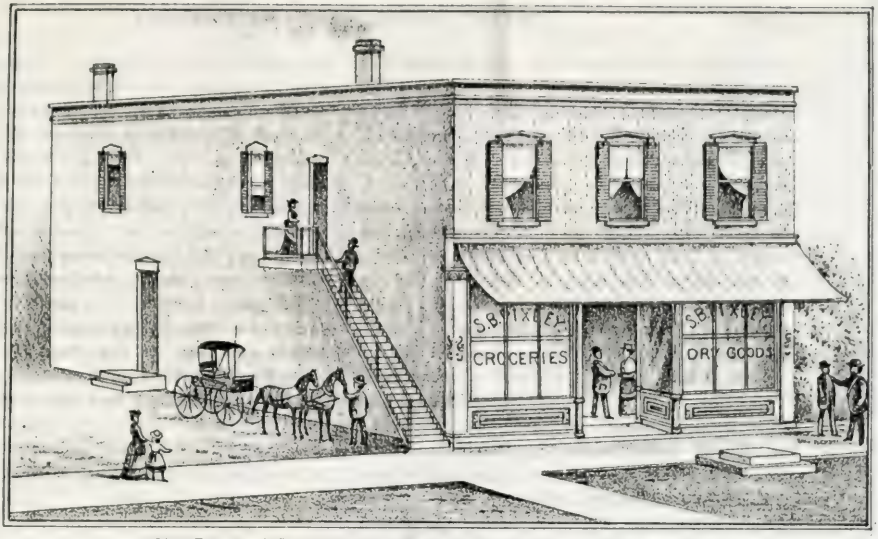
Charles Baker with his family settled in Burton Township, and there they still reside, having brought with them to this country the thrifty English idea of tilling the soil and harvesting the products. They were the parents of thirteen children whose names are as follows: Ann, Charles, Thomas, George, Frank, Robert, James, William, Rose, Mary, Harry, Frederick and Lewis. Frank is the present Sheriff of Genesee County, while Rose is the wife Walter Harris.

Our subject began his struggle for daily bread when only ten years of age, at that time hiring out as a farmer's lad. He entered the employ of James Ellis, of Munday Township, this county, and remained with them until their interests became almost his own, his service extending over a period of five years. He then spent two years with Benjamin Boomer, of Flint Township, this county. As may be supposed from the fact that he began to work so early in life, his educational advantages were rather limited, but he was permitted to attend the district school in the vicinity in which he lived and for a short time was a student in the Flint High School.

On the breaking out of the war our subject's patriotism was fired, and July 20, 1863, he joined the ranks with the boys in blue, entering Company G, Ninth Michigan Cavalry, and was detailed to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the siege of Knoxville, also in the battle of Blue Springs, Cumberland Gap, Cynthiana, Marietta, Ga., and in several battles with Kilpatrick around Atlanta, being a participant in the siege of the last-named city. When Sherman was preparing to make his celebrated march to the sea, our subject was captured at Stone Mountain, and he was confined in four different rebel prisons for a period of six months, four of which were spent in the Andersonville pen. He received an honorable discharge from duty June 25, 1865, after which he returned to this State.

During his war experience our subject had come in contact with men of all classes, and his ambition was fired to become educated to a greater extent than had been his privilege. On returning home he entered the High School in Flint, and fitted himself for a teacher, devoting different periods thereafter to that work. He was married May 2, 1875, to Miss Grace F. Blandford, a daughter of Henry Blandford, formerly of England. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have become the parents of eight children, whose names are as follows: Herbert H., C. Blandford, Grace M., Ruth Alice, Susan E., Henretta and Marian F. In the spring of 1879 Mr. Baker settled on his present farm where he has made his residence ever since. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres of fertile and well-improved land that is under a good state of cultivation.

Under the old law Mr. Baker served as Superintendent of Blanc Township. He also was Justice of the Peace for four years. He was elected Supervisor in the spring of 1890, and re-elected in the spring of 1891. A Republican in his political views, he is not so wedded to party as to allow his sense of progress to be impeded in any way by de-



STORE & RESIDENCE OF S. B. PIXLEY, GOODRICH., MICH.

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES BAKER JR., SEC. 11, GRAND BLANC TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

votion to a cause. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are actively engaged in the work that makes humanity better and purer. He is socially a member of the Gov. Crapo Post, No. 145 G. A. R. The success that is attending his efforts in a financial way is the result of natural judgment and ability. He has been to an unquestioned extent the architect of his own fortunes, and has proved that his will was a power by which he could subdue opposing obstacles in a most gratifying manner. In his farming, he devotes himself to general agricultural work, and he has a fine lot of stock upon the place and graded sheep, cattle, horses and hogs. He is recognized as among the prominent and representative citizens of Genesee County.

Elsewhere in this volume will be noticed a view of the residence and surroundings on the farm of Mr. Baker.

SETH B. PIXLEY. The leading mercantile establishment in Goodrich, is carried on and owned by the gentleman whose name appears above. He is well known as a popular and wide-awake merchant who keeps thoroughly abreast with the times, and the stock which he carries is well selected and suited to the needs of his class of customers. He conducts his business in a brick store which is 24x70 feet in dimensions and a view of this establishment is shown on another page. He carries constantly on hand a stock that is worth from $6,000 to $8,000, and that comprises boots, shoes, clothing and dry-goods, in fact everything to be found in a first-class country store.

Mr. Pixley established himself in business in this place in 1873 and for the first six months had as partner E. W. Matice, the business being conducted under the firm name of Matice & Pixley, but at the expiration of the time above mentioned our subject became sole proprietor. He is a native of Genesee County, having been born here January 23, 1840, and being the son of Theron and Sarah Pixley. The latter still survives and makes her home in California.

Mr. Pixley's parents came to Genesee County in 1836 and settled in Atlas Township, where the father cleared a farm in the midst of the woods. He served as Postmaster of Goodrich for over eight years and died June 7, 1891. Our subject was reared to manhood on the farm and received a good common-school education, both in Michigan and California, to which State at the age of fifteen years he went with his parents, the family settling in San Joaquin Valley. He there reached his majority and in 1872 was married to Miss Sarah Perry, a daughter of Samuel Perry, of Oakland County.

Our subject resided in California until 1872 when he returned to Genesee County. In 1873 he became engaged in business in Goodrich and now has the largest trade in this vicinity. He is a wide-awake man who operates upon strictly business principles, and has built up a prosperous trade by his own efforts alone. Thus far he has been most successful and unless the signs of the times are sadly awry, his prosperity will continue, as he has all the traits necessary to make a thorough success of life.

SIMON KING. The fine farm on section 10, Genesee Township, Genesee County, is owned by him whose name appears above. He was probably born on the Genesee River, three miles from Rochester, N. Y., April 21, 1802. He is a son of Simon King, who is supposed to have been born in Connecticut. The father, however, died when our subject was only three years old. He was a farmer by occupation. Our subject's mother was Sally Byam in her maiden days; she was a native of Connecticut and was born in 1780. She was reared in the western part of New York State and about 1800 was married the second time, to David Farwell. She died in New York in 1835. She was the mother of eight children, having five children by the first marriage and three by the second.

Our subject is the fourth child of his mother's first marriage. He left the parental care at the age of fourteen years to live with his father's brother in the village of Rochester, N. Y. He remained with him five months, and then spent four months with a Presbyterian minister by the name of Comfort William. From that time until he was twenty-one years of age he lived with his brother-in-law, Thomas Faulkner.

Our subject was married in 1823 on the 27th of July, to Isabelle McCreery. She was a native of New York State. After their union they settled three miles below Rochester on a small farm which comprised eighty acres of land and which was a part of his father's estate. He there remained two summers and one winter and in the fall of 1825 moved to the town of Wheatland, Monroe County, where he located on a farm and there remained until he came to Michigan, in 1849.

Our subject first settled in Jackson County and purchased four hundred acres of land, half of it being at the time improved. He also purchased a quarter section in Butler Township, Branch County, paying $5,000 for the four hundred acres and $600 for the quarter section. He there remained until 1853, when he removed to the place where he now resides. He bought a tract with a Mr. McCreery, comprising eight hundred acres of unimproved land in Genesee Township, paying $3,500 in cash for the same. He and Mr. McCreery built a sawmill at a cost of $3,000 on sections 10 and 11, on the Flint River. They ran the same for eight years and in 1861 they dissolved partnership and divided the lands and mill property. Our subject then turned his attention to farming and to clearing up his land. His wife died October 8, 1861. They were the parents of six children, there being four daughters and two sons.—Sarah, Martha, Simon, Hiram, Margaret and Francis I. Sarah is the wife of George R. Culver, of Jackson; Martha is the widow of G. Everts, also of Jackson; Simon lives in Jackson County; Margaret is the widow of Francis L. Farwell and resides with her father.

Our subject was married January 1, 1867, the second time, to Miss Philinda Bodine. She died January 7, 1884. Mr. King gave his sons, Simon and Hiram, the four hundred acres of land which he purchased in Jackson and where they now reside, thus giving them a comfortable start in life. He is a Republican in politics, but cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson. In 1884, our subject had a fall and broke his leg and has not been able to walk since that time.

JOHN H. YORK. Our readers will be pleased to find upon this page a sketch of one of the most worthy and venerable citizens of Atlas Township, Genesee County. This septuagenarian is a representative of the best class of our citizens, and is a native of Erie County, N. Y. His birth took place, December 27, 1823 and he is a son of Jeremiah and Rhoda (Sweers) York, the latter being a native of Vermont and the former a soldier in the War of 1812.

From early youth John York, was engaged in the work of a farmer and received his education in the district schools of his native county. His father was a prominent man in his township and served as Constable, Collector and Deputy Sheriff for eleven years.

Our subject was married March 11, 1847 to Anne Crathers, who was born in Erie County, N. Y., December 11, 1825, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Wycoff) Crathers. The father was a Pennsylvanian and the mother a native of the Empire State. Seven children have blessed the home of our subject and five are now living, namely: Mariam, wife of Henry Frick; Jeremiah; Ellen, now Mrs. Alton Dillenbeck; Matilda, who married Charles Watkins; James. Milton and John N. are deceased.

In the fall of 1850 Mr. York removed with his family to Genesee County, and settled upon the farm where he now lives, a property which was then only partially improved. Upon this he has bestowed great labor and has it now in an excellent condition. It comprises one hundred acres of some of the best land in the county and it is in a highly productive condition. All this is the result of the united efforts of our subject and his wife, who

have labored shoulder to shoulder through the hard times of pioneering and together have accumulated a property which provides well for them in their old age.

Mr. York has served as School Director and is active in promoting all educational movements. He and his wife are both members of the Protestant Methodist Church in which he is Class-leader, and Mrs. York is now serving her third year as Steward in the church. He is a Republican in politics and both he and his wife are highly esteemed members of society.

FRED D. BORT, proprietor of the Flint Pump Factory, was born near Lockport, N. Y., May 27, 1848. His father who established the pump factory here in 1863, was likewise a native of the Empire State and was born in Niagara County. Reared to manhood on a farm, he became a manufacturer of pumps while still quite young, and in 1858 came to Michigan, settling in Burton Township, Genesee County, where he started a nursery. In 1863 he commenced to operate in the city of Flint as a pump manufacturer and continued thus engaged until 1888, when he sold the business to the subject of this sketch.

Then going to Saginaw City, D. G. Bort established a pump factory in that thriving city, which he managed for a brief period. He is now in partnership with his son, Judson D. Bort, and together they are carrying on one of the most flourishing enterprises of Flint. Politically D. G. Bort was a stanch Democrat, ever active in the councils of his party and officiating in various public capacities. The mother of our subject was known in maidenhood as Martha McNitt, and was born in Niagara County, N. Y. Her death occurred in Flint in 1884, at a ripe old age. Of the children, six in number, who blessed the parental home, F. D. was the youngest and he grew to a stalwart manhood in the State of New York.

After attending the schools of his native home until he was fifteen years old, Mr. Bort started out in life for himself as clerk in a clothing store, that of O. W. Seymore in Flint, where he remained five years and gained a good knowledge of mercantile life. At the age of twenty, he commenced to work for his father and learned the business of manufacturing pumps. So familiar did he become with the business that in 1888 he felt qualified to assume the entire responsibility of its management and accordingly purchased the factory of his father, and has controlled it since with great success. He engages in the manufacture of Bort's Wooden Force Pumps and also deals in the Temple Chain Pump. As one of the oldest and most reliable manufacturers of the city he enjoys a large business and the esteem and confidence of the people.

In 1869 Mr. Bort was united in marriage in the city of Flint with Miss Dora Ward, an accomplished young lady residing in this city and the daughter of Alex Ward, a pioneer resident of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Bort have one child—a daughter Mabel, who is a graduate of the Flint High School and now book-keeper for Putnam Bros. In her religious sentiments, Mrs. Bort is in sympathy with and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Bort contributes liberally, as he does to all charitable measures that appeal to him for aid. He uniformly votes the Democratic ticket and is a prominent member of that party. His commodious residence is pleasantly located on the corner of Ninth and Harrison Streets and within that cozy domicile he and his estimable wife hospitably entertain their many friends who are wont to gather there.

THOMAS J. DIBBLE. The proprietor of the Dibble House, in Flint, is one of the veterans in his line. He was born in Steuben County, N. Y., April 11, 1828, and is a son of Clark and Huldah (Bailey) Dibble, both of Steuben County. Our subject's father came to Michigan with his family in 1830, coming hither by boat to Detroit and thence by team to Whigville and to the township of Grand Blanc, and there located on a new farm, where he kept a tavern in a log house. In 1833 he was one of the two settlers who went

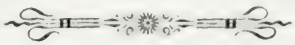
to Fenton. He there purchased a mill site, comprising forty acres, and built the first mill and made the first dam, and was there engaged in the manufacture of lumber until 1836, when he sold and located in Tyrone Township, Livingston County, where he improved a farm and kept an hotel and store.

In those early days our subject's father brought all his goods from Detroit by team. He carried on considerable trade with the Indians. His decease was caused by the falling of a tree, June, 1841. He held several local offices and was a man much esteemed at that time. His wife was a daughter of Elisha Bailey, a farmer in Steuben County, who took part in the War of 1812 and who came to Michigan about 1833, locating first in Fenton and then in Jackson, where he died. Our subject's mother died in Lapeer County at the age of sixty years. Of the six children that she left, our subject was the second in order of birth.

He of whom we write spent the first five years of his life in Whigville, then received his education in a log schoolhouse in Fenton, and was later engaged in farming. When fourteen years of age he drove five yoke of cattle to break a new tract of land, and he remembers odd games that he used to play with the Indian papooses. His father's death left the family eighty acres of land and our subject was the eldest of four surviving children. The family scattered and Thomas went out to work by the month, receiving $3 or $4 for his services. When eighteen years of age he commenced teaming, his route being from Fenton to Detroit, via Pontiac. Three years later he began teaming for himself, and in 1854 he was the proprietor of a dray business, the owner of two drays and a double team. He carried the mail and express.

In 1861 our subject went to East Saginaw and for three years prosecuted his business successfully. In 1864 he located on a farm in Metamora Township, Lapeer County, and was there engaged in farming for two years. This he sold to his brother and located in Oxford, where he was engaged in teaming, but later opened a meat market and went into the stock business. He continued his work until October, 1882, when he sold out and located in Flint, and was variously engaged until 1885, when he bought the site upon which his hotel is now located and built upon it the brick part of the Dibble House. He enlarged his business and has given his attention wholly to his hotel. He has a fine trade, his place being conveniently located at the corner of Second and Harrison streets.

December 25, 1853, our subject was married in Fenton, to Miss Cordelia Olmstead, who was born in Romeo, Macomb County, this State. They have become the parents of three children—Amelia, who was married to Frank Gillespie, and who died in 1882; Clark B., in partnership with his father; and Fred T., engaged at Skinner's carriage factory as painter. Our subject and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Democrat.



HUGH McCOLL. Among the venerable and representative octogenarian citizens of Genesee County, Mich., whose names find a place in this volume, we present the gentleman whose name is above. He is of sturdy Scottish ancestry and the trend of his thought and principles shows the power of his nationality. He is a prominent resident of Grand Blanc and is a native of Montgomery County, N. Y., having been born on the Mohawk River, his natal day being December 26, 1810. He is a son of Alexander and Hannah (Christler) McColl. His father emigrated to America with our subject's grandfather, when a boy, before the close of the last century—1783—locating in New York State, where the grandfather died.

Our subject's mother was a native of New York State, where he was reared to manhood. When fourteen years of age he began the harness-maker's trade and at sixteen years of age he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, and for the greater portion of his life he has been engaged in these lines both in this State and New York. He first married Mary Blue, who bore him eleven children of whom the following survive: Alexander, John G., Arthur C., and Mary E., now the wife of George Gundry,

On the death of Mrs. Mary McColl he married Mrs. Sophia Wilber, widow of Elias Wilber, a native of Monroe County, N. Y., who was born August 31, 1816, and was reared in her native place, being a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Campbell) Gustin; the former being a native of Connecticut and the latter of Scotland. In 1868 our subject came to Genesee County and located on a farm in Mundy Township, where he lived for four years and then moved to the village of Grand Blanc. He there engaged in the harness-making business until 1885, when he retired. Mr. McColl is a self-made man and has accumulated his present handsome competency by his own efforts. He now enjoys the pleasant assurance that he is secure in his advanced years against want.

Mr. McColl is a Republican in his political affiliations. He has served as Justice of the Peace, also Treasurer of Grand Blanc Township, filling these prominent positions with credit to himself as well as to the satisfaction of his constituents. Mrs. McColl is a member of the Congregational Church and is also one of the enthusiastic workers in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She is a lady who is thoroughly progressive and delights in good works. Our subject and his wife in their pleasant home enjoy the fruits of a life spent in usefulness and well-doing. They are highly esteemed members of society and it is with pleasure we include their names among those who have helped to make Genesee County notable as an agricultural region.

THOMAS H. NESBITT. The owner of the farm that is located on section 23, Flint Township, Genesee County, was born in Salem, Washington County, N. Y., August 27, 1824. When but a year old his parents removed to Brutus, Cayuga County, the same State, and he there grew to manhood, spending the first thirty years of his life in that vicinity. He was reared on a farm and early became familiar with the duties incident to farm life. His father was the proprietor of a sawmill and our subject was also engaged in the sawmill business in connection with farming.

On reaching his majority Mr. Nesbitt rented his father's mill and carried it on for a time. In the spring of 1854 he sold out his interest in the business and removed to Genesee County, this State, purchasing the farm where he now lives. His interests from the date above mentioned have been wholly with this section of the county and he has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, including general farming and stock-raising. He is the owner of one hundred and forty acres, which he has improved quite extensively. Since coming here he has built a number of good buildings upon his place. He has a pleasant and attractive home and capacious and adequate barns and outhouses. In August, 1889, his buildings with the exception of his house were destroyed by fire, and he sustained thereby a serious loss. He has since replaced them, and as is usually the case, has improved greatly upon his former ownings in this respect.

Mr. Nesbitt was married in Skaneateles, N. Y., June 3, 1847, his wife being previous to her marriage Miss Aurora Hoag, who was born in White Creek, Washington County, N. Y., August 4, 1823. They have been the parents of the following children: James H., Hattie, Frank P., Martin V., Charlie T., Alice, Eugene A., and Carrie J. James H. died in Flint Township, October 19, 1884. He was married to Miss Augusta Hicks, who survives him; Hattie died at the age of twenty-nine years; she had always been an invalid; Martin died in infancy; Frank married Elizabeth Ball; Charles married Catherine Way; Alice is the wife of Louis Hiller; Eugene married Miss M. Smith; Carrie is the wife of John F. Schram.

Mr. Nesbitt has held the office of Township Clerk for several terms. In 1876 he was elected Supervisor of Flint Township and served for six years. He has ever taken an active part in local political affairs, having the real good of the locality at heart. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has been Steward and Trustee; he has also been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a strong temperance advocate and a Prohibitionist, although his sympathies in a political way are with the Dem-

ocratic party. He bears the reputation throughout the county of being a thoroughly straightforward, reliable man and a genial, whole-souled fellow, to whom one will never appeal in vain in time of need.

JOHN HOLLINGWORTH is a farmer residing on section 16, Flint Township, Genesee County. He is a son of Ralph Hollingworth, who was a native of England. His mother was Jane Harvey in her maiden days, an English lady, who was married in her native land. She came to America with her husband early in the '40s and they settled in Genesee Flats, Genesee County, N. Y. There they lived until about 1852, when they removed to Genesee County, Mich., and settled in Flint, where they lived a few months and then removed upon a farm in the township of Flint, where he died April 22, 1887. The mother still survives. She has been the parent of seven children, of whom our subject was the sixth in order of birth. The place of his nativity was Mt. Morris, Genesee County, N. Y., and his birthday July 5, 1845.

Our subject came to Genesee County with his parents and lived under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age. He enlisted in Company I, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, on March 11, 1865, and served until June 30, the same year, when he was mustered out of service. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and has taken great pleasure as well as finding profit in his chosen calling.

Mr. Hollingworth was married in Flint, November 17, 1868, to Miss Eliza J. McGlinchey, a daughter of William and Mary A. (Given) McGlinchey. She was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., October 29, 1847. They have four children, whose names are William B., May B., Frank R. and Essie B. Our subject is the owner of one hundred and two acres of excellent land. He has created a first-class series of buildings upon his farm, which is a credit to the township. He has a pleasant and attractive home and capacious and well-equipped barns and outhouses. In politics he is a Republican, believing the principles of his party to be perfectly sound and able to endure conflicting opinions and new formation of parties. He is a member, socially, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Flint River Encampment, No. 28, and belongs to Gov. Crapo Post, G. A. R. He also affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees, the Patrons of Industry, and evidences his interest in the progress of the class to which he belongs by his union with the Farmers' Alliance. The wife is a Daughter of Rebecca, of Amanda Lodge, No. 110, at Flint, and the Crapo Corps, No. 23, and Ladies of the Maccabees, Venice Hive, No. 72. They have a pleasant home and a intelligent family, who are socially great additions to the township.

BENJAMIN D. TODD, whose fine farm is situated on section 11, Genesee Township, Genesee County, was born in Wayne County, N. Y., March 23, 1835. His father, Benjamin Todd, a native of New York, was born near Watertown, and there grew to manhood and married Sallie Edwards, a native of Connecticut. They first located on a farm and came to Michigan in 1845, locating in Washtenaw County, making their home on a farm near Whitmore Lake. Having remained there some eight years they removed in 1852 to where our subject now resides, only five acres of which was then partly improved, and upon it there was no building except a small log house 18x24 feet.

Having cleared away the trees from this property they put it under cultivation and here the father died at the age of seventy-five years, while the mother survived to reach the age of eighty-three years. The grandfather on the father's side was James Todd who was born in the North of Ireland and was a sea-faring man and took part in the Revolutionary War. He lived to be over eighty years old and died near Watertown, N. Y. The maternal grandfather, Handford Edwards, was a native of England, who came to America at an early day and settled in Connecticut. He to lived

to reach the age of four-score years and died in Connecticut, so that on both sides our subject has a record of longevity which he has good reason to hope may be continued in himself and in his family.

The father and mother of our subject had in their household five sons and three daughters, and five of these are now living. Our subject is the fourth son and seventh child and was ten years old when he came to Michigan, having gained up to that time his education in the public schools. He remained with his father until the death of that parent, and was married in October, 1858, to Nancy Barker, daughter of Lucien Barker. She is a native of Michigan, being born near Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County, March 19, 1838.

Immediately after marriage Mr. Todd located where he now resides and went hard to work to clear up the farm and put it in condition for tillage. In this he has been very successful as it is now one of the most productive and richly cultivated estates in the county. Two children only have been granted to this worthy couple, namely: Elsie, who is now the wife of W. F. Clapp and resides in Mt. Rose, Mich., and Kirkland, who resides at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp have two children, a daughter and a son, Earl and Edith. Our subject has a farm of fifty-three acres, all of which is cultivated by himself, and here he carries on a general farming business. The political views which command his adherence and endorsement are those which will be found in the declarations and platform of the Republican party, and although he is not an office-seeker he is really interested in the success of his party and is a truly patriotic citizen.

JAMES B. LANE, of the firm of Lane Bros., bakers, and jobbers in confectionery and ice-cream, is an active young business man of Flint and has many friends here whom he has won by his upright life and genial disposition. He was born in Flint, September 10, 1862, and is the son of John Lane, a native of Queens County, Ireland. Grandfather John Lane, also a native of Queens County, was engaged in business as a hotel keeper, and at an early day came to America, where in Flint, this State, he purchased a farm some time in the '50s. This estate he improved with a substantial set of farm buildings and spent many industrious, happy years there. After retiring from active farm duties, he came to Flint, and from there went to Lewistown, N. Y., where he passed from earth.

Early in life John Lane, Jr., came to Michigan and locating on a farm in Flint Township, there resided until after his wife's death in 1873. He then came to this city, where he died in July, 1891. He was a devoted Catholic in religion. His wife, who was known in maidenhood as Ellen Mackin, was born in Flint, and was the daughter of John Mackin, who came from his native country, Ireland, to New York. From there he proceeded West to Michigan and was an early settler in Genesee County. By the exercise of industry and economy he accumulated a competency and became the owner of a large farm in Flint Township, where his life came to a close.

Our subject is the second of five children, the others being—John A., partner with James B. in the bakery; David W., who died in 1885; Fred D., manager of the electric light works in this city; and Mary E., who married Ray Jones, the manager of the Western Union Telegraph, in Flint; James B., the subject of this notice, was reared in the city of Flint and when fourteen years of age attended St. Michael's School, and later was a student in the High School. He learned the printer's trade while working for Mr. Aldrich on the *Globe*, remaining in that capacity for three years. Next he engaged as clerk for W. T. Clark & Son, and after three years in their employ, he was with Kendrick & Foote in the bakery business for another three years, and remained with their successors Spillane Bros., seven years. Before entering the business for himself he therefore had an experience extending over ten years which made him thoroughly familiar with the business.

In 1887 Mr. Lane bought out Mrs. Ewings' bakery in Flint, and with Ed French as partner conducted the business successfully about two years.

Then his brother J. A., purchased the partner's interest and the firm of Lane Bros., has since continued active representatives of the business element of Flint. The brothers have enlarged the business, until they now employ two bakers and give steady work to eight employes. Their bakery is the largest in the city, and they also engage in jobbing ice-cream and confectionery, in which lines they do a fine business and find constant use for two delivery wagons. Mr. Lane is a member of the Catholic Church, and in his political preference is a Republican. His pleasant home at No. 122 Margaret Street is presided over by an amiable lady, whose maiden name was May E. Doran. Mrs. Lane was born in Flint, where in early womanhood she was united in marriage with Mr. Lane September 23, 1890. Socially Mr. Lane belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of the Maccabees.

ULYSSES D. BRISTOL, a senior member of the firm of U. D. Bristol & Son at Lapeer, was born in Perry Township, Wyoming County, N. Y., April 5, 1835. He is a son of John and Hannah (Eldridge) Bristol, both natives of New York and of American origin as far back as he knows the history of the family. The father was a blacksmith and our subject had but scant opportunities to secure an education. At the age of fifteen the lad began to learn the blacksmith's trade, and worked at it in his father's shop for about a year, when he concluded that he was not muscular enough for this kind of work and gave it up.

In 1853 when he was about eighteen years old the young man came to Michigan making his home with his uncle, N. B. Eldridge, who was then Postmaster, and young Bristol obtained a clerkship in the postoffice under his uncle with whom he staid for some two years. After this he clerked in a dry-goods store at Almont for a short time and then went to Canada and engaged to work for a brother-in-law, William B. Johnson, in a lumber yard. He returned to Michigan in 1859 to be married to Miss Mary L. Ackley of Lapeer, and their wedding took place upon July 6. This lady is a daughter of Edward and Sarah Ackley and was born at Camden, N. J., October 6, 1836.

Mr. Bristol took his wife to Canada and there remained until failing health suggested to him a return to Michigan which he effected in 1860 and while frail in health was appointed both Postmaster and Deputy-Sheriff, which latter office he held for about six years and was then elected Sheriff for one term. After this he was elected as Registrar of Deeds and held this office for two terms from 1864 to 1866. He had started in the drug business after this and was in partnership with George H. Cannon, and upon the death of his partner in October, 1874, our subject took his son, Fred E. Bristol, into the firm.

Mr. Bristol is proud to say that he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and he has been a consistent Republican from that day to this. He has been a candidate for Mayor and was defeated by a very close vote but has served as Constable, Marshal and Collector, besides Deputy United States Marshal, Deputy Internal Revenue Collector and Deputy Provost Marshal. His two children are the son of whom we have spoken, Fred E., who was born in Canada in April 20, 1857, and having received a good education was received as his father's partner at the age of seventeen and was married in 1886 to Miss Emma Colerick of Almont, Mich., and Carrie who was born in Lapeer August 29, 1862 and still makes her home with her father.

STEPHEN JORDAN. Few men in Atlas Township, Genesee County, are more thoroughly representative of the best class of our Michigan citizens than Mr. Jordan, whose excellent pioneer work and prominence in all matters of public interest have made him known not only within the township but throughout the county. He is a native of Surrey County, England, and was born February 21, 1829. His mother, whose maiden name was Ann Brooker, died in her native land and in 1837 our subject came

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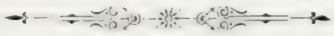
with his father, John Jordan, and other members of the family to America. Their first home in this country was in Orleans County, N. Y., and two years later the entire family came to Genesee County, Mich., where the father has since died.

The subject of this biographical sketch had few educational advantages in his youth, but he eagerly embraced all opportunities which were offered him and has improved himself by a persistent and thorough course of reading, so that he ranks among the intelligent, progressive men of this section of the State. For some nine years he made his home with Mr. Charles Bates, of Grand Blanc Township, and in 1852 he went to California, where he spent some four years in the gold mines and returned in 1856. His journey to California was taken by way of New York City and steamer to Nicaragua, and thence up the Pacific coast to San Francisco, but in returning he came by the Panama route. He was successful in his mining operations, so that he cleared about $1,000 a year.

It was in the spring of 1857 that Mr. Jordan made his home where he now lives, his first purchase here being one hundred and fifty acres of partially cleared land, and to it he has added by purchase until he now has three hundred and twenty acres, and upon it he has placed all modern improvements, first-class barns and a beautiful home. Here he raises fine Merino sheep.

Mr. Jordan was married, February 24, 1857, to Emily Perry, a native of this county and daughter of Simeon M. and Sarah (Cartwright) Perry. This family had been pioneers of Grand Blanc Township and were well known in the community. The six children who have come to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are: Mary, deceased; Frank P., Jennie, Louise, Charles and Belle. Louise is now the wife of William A. Gale and Belle is a teacher in the public schools.

The fine property which has now been acquired by Mr. Jordan and his estimable wife has been gained through their own enterprise, energy and prudence, and they richly deserve their prosperity. The principles of the Democratic party are those which Mr. Jordan considers most conducive to the progress of the country and he is a member of the Farmers' Alliance. His property is really a model farm and his beautiful home, with its admirable surroundings, constitutes one of the most desirable rural homes in Genesee County. His courteous, affable nature and his genial hospitality give him a deserved popularity, and he and his family stand high in the social circles of the county.



WILLIAM J. HIBBARD. Among the pleasant homes to be found on section 12, Mundy Township, Genesee County, is that of the public-spirited citizen whose name we have just given, and whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. He was born in Sodus, Wayne County, N. Y., December 8, 1836, and is the son of the late Ambrose and Almira (Furbush) Hibbard. Our subject came to Michigan with his parents in 1852, and they made their homes at various times in Mundy, Fenton and Burton Townships. The father spent the last years of his life in Flint Township, and the mother died in Fenton Township. Until he was twenty-two years old our subject lived at home with his parents, and at that time he began independent farming, which he has followed throughout life. He is now the owner of one hundred and fifteen acres of as good land as is to be found within the bounds of Genesee County, and upon it he has placed good and substantial improvements.

Mr. Hibbard married Miss Sophia Rusco, in Mundy Township, February 18, 1859. She is a daughter of Hiram and Isabella J. (Carman) Rusco, who were early pioneers in Genesee County, whither they came from New York about three years previous to their marriage. This county remained their home throughout all their married life and until called hence. They had nine children, of whom Mrs. Hibbard was the eldest, and she was born in Mundy Township February 4, 1842.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard were the parents of three children, all of whom have been called in early childhood to pass over the dark river to the better land. The mother of Mrs. Hibbard while in Flint, attending to matters of business, dropped dead in

the room of a hair dresser, April 6, 1889, she being then sixty-five years of age. Mr. Rusco lived to reach the age of eighty years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard have been for many years identified with the Christian Church, but not long since they entered the communion of the Baptist Church. Their many sterling qualities and attractive social traits give them a strong hold in the confidence of their neighbors and friends, and no one in the community is more popular than they.

THOMAS WRIGHT. Prominent in agricultural and church circles in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, is Mr. Wright, whose beautiful home is one of the most delightful both in appearance and comforts, in the rural parts of this county. He was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., April 21, 1831, being the son of James and Cynthia (Clark) Wright, natives of New York and Connecticut respectively. His grandfather, William Wright, a Revolutionary soldier, was taken prisoner by the British and passed some time on board one of their ships of war.

James Wright, the father of our subject, migrated with his family in 1836 to Livingston County, Mich., coming with team and wagon and cattle through Canada, thus becoming one of the early settlers of Livingston County, at a time when the wolves howled about the door. He died there in 1872, having been the father of twelve children, eight of whom are living, namely: William C., Isaac S. A., Walter, John, Elisha, Thomas, Leonard W., and Philip D. Elisha is now a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The experiences of pioneer life were those of our subject in his early days and in breaking the land he sometimes drove as many as six yoke of oxen and a pair of horses for leaders. After attending the district school he studied for a short time at both Albion College and the Ypsilanti Normal School and subsequently taught for seven terms, teaching in the winters. He well improved all the advantages which he could obtain and is a man of high intelligence.

Our subject was married June 13, 1866, to Perlina Butts, sister of W. H. Butts, of Grand Blanc Township, and to them were granted five children, namely: Eltha C., a graduate of the High School and State Normal School at Ypsilanti; Lewis D., a graduate of Flint High School and now a teacher; Alfred T., deceased; Jesse C. and Lora M. In 1859, our subject went to California across the plains being three months on the journey. After spending the fall and winter in the gold mines, he went in 1860 to Nevada where he was quite successful in the silver mines. Returning in 1864 by way of the Isthmus, he settled upon his present farm where he now owns one hundred and forty acres of land. This is now one of the finest farms in the township and the property is well insured.

The principles of the Republican party express the views of Mr. Wright on political matters and he is a public spirited man and with his wife is a member of the Congregational Church and for fourteen years has served as Sunday-school Superintendent.

THOMAS D. PARTRIDGE. One of the financial supports of Flint Township, Genesee County, and a man whose well-kept and splendidly managed farm is one of the features of this section of the country, is he whose name appears above. He is of English birth and parentage, having been born in Devonshire, March 6, 1832. He is a son of Thomas and Ann (Dawe) Partridge, who came to the United States in 1835, and settled in Stafford, Genesee County, N. Y. In 1839, the family moved to Atlas, Genesee County, Mich., remaining there for two and one-half years and in 1842 they came to Flint Township, and located on section 36. In January, 1867, the parents retired from active agricultural interests and removed to Flint where they spent their last days, their decease occurring respectively March 20, 1880, and January 12, 1883.

He of whom we write is one of four children born to his parents, there being three sons and one daughter. Of these our subject was the second.

He came to Michigan with his parents and remained at home until twenty-three years of age. His life occupation has been that of farming, although for two years in the latter part of the '60s he engaged in the mercantile business in Byron in partnership with his brother.

Mr. Partridge is the owner of a fine farm, which is made attractive by the excellent class of buildings which it bears as well as the perfect manner in which it is cultivated. He is the owner of three hundred and eight acres here. Since 1866, he has rented his farm confining his attention to an oversight of the same. In March, 1880, he removed to Flint, and made his home with his parents until their decease and indeed continued his residence there until eight years later. He has taken an active part in local politics, being a stanch and loyal Republican, whose influence as wielded in this direction is not unimportant. He has been a liberal contributor to all enterprises that promise to tend to the improvement of the portions of the country in which he lives. He has valuable business connections in Flint. Although in every way eligible, Mr. Partridge has never yet made up his mind to join the ranks of the Benedicts.

HENRY A. HORTON was born in Leeds County, Canada, January 27, 1840. He is a son of John and Margaret (Horton) Horton. The former was a native of New York, and the latter of Canada. Our subject's father was a carpenter by trade, although he spent some time on a farm, and he of whom we write spent his first years in rural life. He received only a common-school education, and even that was abridged at the age of sixteen years.

In 1863 our subject began life for himself as a farmer in Oxford County, Dercham Township, Ontario. He remained there until 1865, and then came to Michigan, locating in North Branch Township Lapeer County. He did not, however, settle upon the place where he now resides until 1869, buying it of Mr. Pitts, of Detroit. The tract comprises one hundred and twenty acres on section 13, and forty acres on section 15. Although not so very long ago, on coming to this place he found it a perfect wilderness, and the work of improvement that confronted him was almost appalling. He, however, bravely attacked the difficulty and has succeeded in giving it all the characteristics of a first-class and thoroughly beautiful rural place. He has improved about eighty acres, which are under an excellent state of cultivation.

Our subject lived in a board shanty for a number of years, building his present house and barns about ten or twelve years ago. His marriage took place October 5, 1862, at which time he was united for better or worse to Miss Ellen Chick, of Ontario, Canada. This union has been blessed by the advent of ten children, seven of whom are living. They are Minnie, Clara, Bertha, Edward, Ernest, George and Laura. Minnie, a successful teacher, married Robert Lucas, of North Branch Township; Clara married Alvin Aris, of the same township. The deceased ones are Walter, Robert and John.

Mr. Horton has made farming his business since coming to Michigan, and although his interests in this direction have been general, like the majority of Michigan agriculturists, he has made a specialty of stock-raising. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and is one of the able men who can truthfully say he has never been ambitious to hold office. Mrs. Horton and three of her daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are interested workers in the spread of the Gospel.

GEORGE M. CAMPBELL. The gentleman who at the present time has charge of the exchequer of Atlas Township, Genesee County, and who is personally a man who inspires one with the greatest confidence in his integrity and honesty, is he whose name appears above. He is a native of Columbia County, N. Y., and was born December 25, 1848, being a son of John and Barbara (Russell) Campbell. He lost his mother, an irreparable loss to a child, when only fourteen

months old. His father was a native of Scotland and the mother of Scotch ancestry.

In 1858, in company with his father and the other members of the family, our subject migrated to Michigan, first making his home in Oakland County, where he staid until 1861, in which year they removed to Genesee County, the family settling in Davison Township, where the mother died in 1868. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are surviving. They are John, Alexander, Allen, George M. and James. John resides in Davison Township, this county, and was at one time Treasurer of the county. Alexander also resides in Davison Township and has served as Supervisor. Allen lives in Osceola County, this State. James lives in Atlas Township. Four of the sons served as soldiers in the Civil War; Alexander and Allen entered the army in the fall of 1861 and remained until 1865.

The subject of this sketch was reared to manhood's estate on a farm and with the exception of a short time spent in the mercantile business in Atlas, he has engaged almost exclusively in the agricultural business. He received his education in the district schools of Davison Township. He was married September 26, 1871, to Miss Inez Harding, a daughter of Daniel and Amaryllis (Swift) Harding. He enlisted December 24, 1864, in Company I, Thirtieth Michigan Infantry, but did not go outside of Michigan, doing guard duty at Detroit. He received his honorable discharge June 24, 1865.

On returning from the army, our subject went to Davison Township and remained there until 1871, when he settled on a farm on section 18, Atlas Township, and there remained until he removed to the village of Atlas in the spring of 1886. Mr. Campbell was first elected Treasurer of Atlas Township in the spring of 1887 and was re-elected in 1888 and again re-elected in 1891. He has also served as Highway Commissioner of Atlas Township for several terms. He is a Republican in his political creed.

Our subject and his wife are both interested and interesting members of society. Mrs. Campbell, who is a very intelligent and prepossessing lady, was born in this State and vicinity, April 1, 1851. She is a daughter of Daniel and Amaryllis (Swift) Harding. Her father was a native of New York as was also the mother. They came to Michigan in 1836 and resided in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, until 1842, and thence moved to the farm now owned by our subject on section 18, Atlas Township. Her father died August 9, 1883, and the mother passed away April 1, 1888. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living—Lewis, Marion, (Mrs. Francis Colwell), Deloss and Mrs. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are both greatly beloved in their community and are the center of a pleasing society of the choicest people of the place.

HIRAM B. GILBERT, a well-known resident of Mundy Township, Genesee County, was born in Worthington, Hampshire County, Mass., August 8, 1834. There he grew to manhood upon a farm and came to Genesee County, this State, in 1854, and here he followed the trade of a carpenter until about the year 1881. He made his home in Grand Blanc Township for one year and then returned to Massachusetts, but three years later again settled in Grand Blanc and two years later came to Mundy Township for five years, and then after five years residence in Grand Blanc removed to Independence, Oakland County, which was his home for seven years and then, after a short stay in Fenton, he returned to Mundy Township, where he has since been a resident.

Since giving up his trade Mr. Gilbert has been engaged extensively in farming and has good improvements on his farm of eighty acres. He was married in Grand Blanc Township, April 14, 1858, to Miss Pamelia Remington, a native of Grand Blanc Township, where she was born June 6, 1837. Six children came to bless this union, namely: Alma P., now the wife of Wiliam Shaw; William Edward, who married Hattie Raymond: Hettie A., who married Alva A. Alger; Frank L.; Parna, now Mrs. Lewis Bigalow; and Charles B.

Our subject has filled the offices of Township

Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, Drainage Commissioner and School Assessor and has ever taken an active part in political affairs, being quite a leader in the Republican ranks. He and his good wife are both members of the Baptist Church.

The father of our subject was Domer Gilbert, a native of Albany, N. Y., and his good wife, Polly Goldthwaite, was born in Peru, Berkshire County, Mass. Both died in Worthington, Hampshire County, Mass. John Remington, the father of Mrs. Gilbert, was a native of the Land of Steady Habits, and her mother, Julian Goff, was born in Rush, N. Y. While Mr. Remington survives at an advanced age and is one of the oldest settlers in Grand Blanc Township, his faithful companion departed this life at the age of seventy-six, in Mundy Township. This family is one of the best known and most highly esteemed in the township, being people of character and ability and their home is one of comfort and happiness.

EUGENE GEORGE, whose pleasant home is situated upon section 12, Mundy Township, Genesee County, was born in Switzerland, December 19, 1829. His father, George George, was a hatter by trade, and a soldier under Bonaparte and was present at the burning of Moscow. He came to America in 1849, and his wife, Angeline, came the year following. They made their home in Mundy Township. In 1853, she was taken sick and died while on a visit to her daughter in Canada, and her husband lived until 1877, when he passed from earth in Mundy Township.

The six children of this family were all brought up in their native home and came to this country with their parents. Our subject was the third in order of age and was given the opportunity to learn in Switzerland the baker's trade from his father who kept a bake shop for a while. This young man was one who had a great desire to see world and understand the different ways of different people, and he spent some time traveling through Switzerland to see the country and learn the habits of the people.

In April, 1849, young George left Switzerland for America, and landed in New York in July of that year, having been fifty-seven days on the ocean, traveling in a sailing vessel. Since coming to this country he has been a resident of Mundy Township, with the exception of one season which he spent in Grand Rapids.

May 31, 1851, Mr. George married Harriet Ganson, of Mundy Township, a native of New York State. Mr. George has been engaged in farming since coming to Mundy Township, and he now has seventy acres of land upon which he has erected excellent buildings. He formerly owned two hundred and twenty acres, but he has divided much of his property with his sons. His four children are Theo J., Victor, Celina and Florence. The elder daughter is now the wife of Lyman T. Curtis.

Our subject finds himself in sympathy with the leaders of the Democratic party, and religiously he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Since coming to this country he has ever cherished an interest in the affairs of his old home and in 1879 he revisited Switzerland, going by the way of France, and made a six months' trip for health and pleasure. His pleasant home and excellent farm buildings are an ornament to the township, and his whole property bears the marks of a systematic and thorough farmer.

JAMES C. DECKER, the oldest merchant now in business in Flint, who opened his grocery business here on the 1st of November, 1851, has kept his doors open every day since that time with the exception of Sundays and holidays. Besides being a first-class business man, he is a skilled mechanic and a fine practical engineer. His father, Andrew A. Decker, was born in 1808, near Port Jarvis, N. Y., as was also his grandfather, Joseph, who was a mechanic. The great-grandfather, Peter Decker, built the first house erected in Deckertown, Sussex County, N. J., and was of Holland descent.

Our subject was born in that town July 28, 1828, and his father who had been a farmer in his early days and also a blacksmith was at that time cop-

nected with the Delaware and Hudson Canal. In 1846 the father came to Detroit, thence to Ypsilanti, where he located with his family, and carried on the trade of a blacksmith for six years, after which he came to Genesee County, and located first in Flint, and afterward upon a farm in Genesee Township, where he died at the age of sixty-four. He was first a Methodist and afterward a member of the Christian Church. His political opinions were in accord with the doctrines of the Democratic party.

The mother of our subject was Maria, daughter of Joseph Cole, also a native of Sussex County, where his farm adjoined that of Gen. VanSickles. Our subject lost his mother by death in 1870, and of her eleven children, only three are now living, namely: J. C., Dr. C. C. Decker, of Cincinnati; and Ann, Mrs. Gardner, of Garfield, Mich. J. C. was nine years of age when he left New Jersey for Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., and he received a district-school education and became a practical blacksmith at the age of seventeen. Upon first coming West, he spent some time in Ypsilanti and then in Detroit, but soon returned East, and in New York took up practical engineering, so that he did not return to Ypsilanti until about 1850, at which time he went to Saginaw and worked as an engineer in a mill. Previous to this he was engaged for some time as an engineer on the Michigan Central Railroad between Detroit and Jackson.

In the fall of 1851 Mr. Decker came to Flint and worked as a blacksmith here until November, 1851, at which time he began his grocery business on Saginaw Street, where the *Wolverine Citizen's* office now is. After the first in which his place of business was destroyed, he bought the lot which he now occupies, and erected this brick block which measures 20x110 feet, and is two stories high. Mr. Decker has the largest and first stock of goods in his line in Flint.

Miss Mary Retherford who became Mrs. J. C. Decker at Northville, Wayne County, in 1851, was born in Rochester, N. Y., and is descended from an old Quaker family of Philadelphia. Her oldest daughter, Ida W., is now Mrs. Holdridge, of Medina, N. Y.; Ella is an invalid at home; and Margaret Pearl is acting as her father's book-keeper. Our subject has passed through all the degrees of the Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to Flint Lodge, No. 23, F. & A. M. and to Lodge No. 15, R. A. M., besides being a member of Genesee Valley Commandery Lodge, No. 15, K. T. He is one of the Trustees of the Masonic Aid Association of the State, and helped to organize the Fire Department of Flint, being foreman of a company for seven years, and one of the workers therein for thirty-two years. He was also a Chief Engineer for fourteen years and has done more for its success than any other man in the city.

In his business he has ever been foremost in introducing new methods and lines of stock, and was the first one to start a livery wagon in Flint, and brought here the first chest of Japan tea ever sold in the county, and possibly in the State as it came from the first cargo of this tea that landed in New York City. He was the first to roast coffee, and he has a large coffee roaster which operates by steam. Both in business lines and in mechanical ingenuity he is a decided genius. His political views are in accord with the doctrines of the Democratic party, and he has long been a member of the Baptist Church and was one of its Trustees for several years.

WILLIAM H. LONG is a prominent and influential man in Genesee County who is active in business matters and well known throughout this locality. He is Secretary of the Flint Cabinet Creamery Company, of the Genesee County Co-operative Creamery Company, and also of the Farmers' Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was born in Lancaster, Erie County, N. Y., October 5, 1839, and is a son of David and Ann (Shafer) Long. The former was a farmer who was married in Pennsylvania and located in Lancaster County. In the fall of 1851 he came to Genesee County, this State, with a family which comprised his wife and four children. He came by boat to Detroit, thence by rail to Pontiac and from there by team to Thetford, where he now resides at the age of seventy-seven years. He is the owner of seventy

acres of good land there and is active in the Christian Church of which he is a member.

Our subject's mother was a native of Germany. When a child she was brought to America by her parents who located in Pennsylvania. Her father was a weaver. He finally settled in Michigan where he died. Mrs. Long, our subject's mother, still survives at the age of seventy-four years; she is the mother of six children, all of whom are living and of these W. H. Long is the eldest.

The original of our sketch was reared in Thetford from the time he was twelve years old. The place was very new and wild. He there attended school for two winters, in the first log schoolhouse which was built in that district and when the log house was replaced he attended a few years in the new frame schoolhouse and then one winter in Flint. When twenty-one years of age he began teaching in Thetford and followed it for nineteen winters in Genesee County. He was married in Thetford, June 20, 1867, to Miss Persis A. Wilson, who was born in Thetford and is a daughter of Nahum N. Wilson, of Vermont, who was one of the first settlers in the township of Thetford, having helped to build the first frame house in Flint. He was a surveyor by profession and died in 1887. Our subject bought a farm on section 36, which he improved, adding valuable buildings, an orchard, etc. He now has eighty-eight and a half acres which he rents on shares.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. Long came to Flint and became book-keeper for the Creamery Company, when it became a stock company and in 1887 he became a stock-holder, a Director and was its Secretary, meantime keeping his old position as book-keeper. He was one of the organizers of the Genesee County Co-operative Creamery Company and is one of the stockholders, having been its Secretary from almost the first. It is the largest in the State and sends out butter to many portions of the union. Both these establishments are doing a large business.

Mr. and Mrs. Long are the parents of three children—Nahum W., who is on a ranch in Montana; Ralph and Carl, who are both at home. Mr. Long was Township Clerk for several years, also School Inspector and Highway Commissioner. Socially he belongs the Free and Accepted Masons, also to the National Union. Himself possessing no formal creed, his wife is a Baptist. He is a whole-souled Republican in politics.

THOMAS PAGE is a grocer in Flint and Supervisor of the First Ward. He is now serving his eleventh term as Supervisor. The general grocery business which he carries on is run under the firm name of Thomas Page & Co., his partner being Joseph Walsh, Supervisor of Flint Township.

Our subject was born in Avon, Livingston County, N. Y., July 14, 1840. He is a son of Abraham and Bridget (Carroll) Page. The former was born at Hitchin, Herefordshire, England. He was a shoemaker by trade and when seventeen years of age entered the English army. His term of service was for the most time in Canada. After his time had expired he located at Avon, N. Y., where he carried on his trade. In 1854 he came to Flint. His decease occurred in 1867. Our subject's mother was born in County Sligo, Ireland, and died in Flint in 1882, at the age of seventy-five years.

Thomas Page is the second eldest of six children born to his parents. He had the advantage of common-school training in Avon, N. Y., until the time he was fourteen years old, when he began to learn the shoemaker's trade with his father. He came to Flint with his parents, August 19, 1854. After his father's death he continued to run the shoe shop on its present site and was engaged in the manufacture of shoes made to order and also in the retail boot and shoe business, continuing thus until 1876, when he was appointed to teach the shoe business in the Michigan School for the Deaf. He held this position for eleven years. After leaving it he served as clerk for two years and in May, 1890, started in the grocery business, which was conducted under the firm name of Martin & Page, until November 14, 1890. Mr. Walsh purchased the interest of his partner

and our subject became the senior member of the firm. They carry on a retail grocery business and are located at No. 393 Detroit and Saginaw Streets, and are very successful in business.

Mr. Page was married in this city, in 1877 to Miss Susan A. Welch, a native of Long Island. They are the parents of four children, whose names are Mary E., Edward M., Thomas C. and Ellen M. Our subject has been Alderman here, representing the First Ward for four years. In his religious principles he is a Catholic. He is Treasurer of the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association. He has always been a Republican in politics. He is one of the oldest members of the Board of Supervisors.

GEORGE HOVEY. This liberal and progressive citizen of Genesee Township, Genesee County, whose fine farm is situated on section 2, was born in the village of Owego on the Susquehanna River, in New York, on the 19th of January, 1814. Lorenzo Hovey was a New Englander by birth and a miller by trade. He went to Pennsylvania when about twenty years old and worked on the farm, remaining there for a few years and being there united in marriage with Anna Hanman, who was born in Connecticut and brought up there until she reached the age of eighteen.

Owego, N.Y., now became the home of this couple and there the father drove a team of seven horses for many years. Somewhat later they moved to Dundee, N. Y., and from there to Mt. Morris, Livingston County in the same State, which proved the final earthly home of Lorenzo Hovey, as he died there when sixty-eight years old. His faithful wife survived him and came to Genesee County, Mich., where she passed away at the age of seventy-eight. They were the parents of eight children that grew to manhood and womanhood.

Our subject has only one sister living, as far as he is able to find out, and she is Emily, the widow of Mr. Terry, of Milwaukee, Wis. One of his brothers now survives. He remained with his father until he reached the age of nineteen and started out to make his way in the world with nothing in his hand and being $70 in debt to his father. He worked upon farms by the month, receiving at first only $9 a month by agreement, although the man for whom he worked was so well satisfied that he gave him $10 when they came to settlement. He thus continued for some two years farming in the summer and chopping wood in the winter, receiving two and sixpence per cord for fire wood.

Mr. Hovey purchased a farm in New York comprising five acres, and having partly cleared the same remained on it for five years and then came to Genesee County, Mich., in 1843, and located where he now resides, trading a span of horses and a wagon and harness for eighty acres of land and giving $80 in cash in difference. After he had his deed recorded he had thirty-five cents left in his pocket and no improvements made upon his farm but he had plenty of pluck, and he proceeded to build a board house into which he moved and where he lived for nine years.

At the end of that time Mr. Hovey erected the residence in which his family now lives, and having cleared the timber from his land and put the place under cultivation he was ready to enjoy his beautiful home. Every stick of timber in this house was grown upon the place and was sawed in a mill which our subject built on the farm, and this same may be said of the other buildings and the fences upon this estate. He was married in 1840 in the State of New York to Lucinda Snyder, who was born and educated in Mt. Morris, N. Y. She died in 1886, having been the mother of the following children: William (deceased); Martha, the wife of David Flinn, of Indiana; Charles, who resides in Detroit; Emily, who is now the wife of N. Richardson, of Tuscola County; Fred, who makes his home with his father.

The original of this life sketch cultivates a finely improved farm of three hundred and twenty acres of which he has a life lease. He cast his first Presidential vote for Harrison in 1840 and again he voted for another Harrison at the last Presidential election and he never has cast his vote for any other principles than those of the Republican party, and says he never will. He is a liberal contributor to all good causes and as an incident of

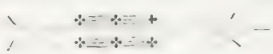
his generosity we may mention that he recently gave $100 to the Congregational Church. Our subject wishes the statement made that he has never borrowed a cent, nor a dollar in money, in his life.

UR S. LEWIS. The growth of a community is the result of individual industry, energy and uprightness, for any section of country is only the aggregate of individual conditions. When, therefore, we contemplate the life of an upright man, we realize that his influence is far-reaching and is not bounded by imaginary lines separating counties or States. It is with pleasure that we invite the reader's attention to the following record of the life of Mr. Lewis, and also to his portrait which is presented on the opposite page. For almost thirty years he has resided in Tuscola County, with the progress of which he has been identified, and with the development of which he has always been closely connected.

The father of our subject, Benjamin S. Lewis by name, was a native of Rhode Island, where he was reared to man's estate. In his early manhood he removed to New York, where he was married to Miss Betsey Whiting, a native of Vermont. This worthy couple became the parents of four sons and three daughters, of whom six are now living —two daughters and one son in Huron County, Ohio, and three in Michigan. In an early day the parents removed from New York to Ohio, where they located first in Trumbull County, but finally moved to Huron County. The father engaged in farming pursuits and during all his active career, and died in Huron County, Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years.

The subject of this biographical notice was born September 17, 1822, in Auburn, N. Y., and passed his youth in his native place. Until he was of age he remained at home, learning the trade of a mason, and also working upon his father's farm. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married in 1846, in Trumbull County, Ohio, to Miss Olive M. Bartlett, and with his bride settled in Trumbull County, where in partnership with his father he owned a farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have been born nine children, there being five sons and four daughters. Of these four are now living, viz.: Mary L., Jessie M., Freeborn, a physician, who resides in Washington, and William T., the station agent at Mayville.

In 1862 Mr. Lewis came to Tuscola County and settled on the farm of seventy-six acres on section 6, Vassar Township, which he still owns. One-half of this he has cleared and greatly improved, and has moreover erected a neat residence and other buildings upon the place, which add greatly to its value. He here devotes himself to general farming, and having been familiar with agricultural pursuits from youth, it is not strange that he has become a practical, successful farmer, familiar with the best methods of improving and cultivating the land. Although coming here not so many years ago, he was in fact a pioneer, and has done much of the work familiar to early settlers of the State. In political affairs he has been a Republican since the outset of his career, but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to leave that to others who can afford to give it more time and careful attention than it would be in his power to devote to it. By hard labor and applied judgment he has earned the comfortable competency which he now enjoys, and his indefatigable labors have contributed to render him among the most prosperous farmers of Vassar Township.



CHARLES BUTLER. The last hymn has been sung, the last sad words said over the earthly portion of him whose name appears above, but the spirit from which emanated so much that is enduring is still abroad, breathing its lessons of honor, uprightness and purity of life not only to those who knew him, but through them to coming generations. The sketch below is a memorial as lasting as the granite shaft, because it rears itself in that most enduring part of humanity—the mind. It is reared by those who love him best,

Mr. Butler was a native of Connecticut, there being born November 10, 1789. He was a son of Joel and Mary (Payne) Butler. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was taken a prisoner and confined on a British prison-ship, where he had smallpox and endured untold hardships. Our subject himself served as a soldier in the War of 1812.

When a boy Mr. Butler removed with his parents to Madison County, N. Y. and there lived until his majority. He then removed to Genesee County, of the same State and was the captain of the first canalboat which ran the entire length of the Erie Canal from Buffalo to New York City. It had on board among its passengers Gov. DeWitt Clinton and other dignitaries and on the last visit of Gen. Lafayette to this country our subject took him and his son for a short distance on the canal. He received his education in the pioneer schools of his day. He was, however, a well-posted man, having lived through some of the most important history of this epoch.

The original of our sketch was married in Ohio, June 21, 1827, his bride being Miss Philena Copley, a native of Oneida County, N. Y., and born December 17, 1806. She was a daughter of Lemon and Sally (Cooley) Copley, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Massachusetts. When nine years of age she settled in Ohio with her parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Butler were born seven children, four of whom are living. They are Charles A., Sarah A., wife of D. D. Howell, George, and E. Louisa.

In 1830 Mr. Butler with his family emigrated to Michigan and settled in Genesee County, procuring a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35. He purchased the land from the Government at $1.25 per acre. Their first home here was a small log house and they lived in that for many years. They were not exempt from the usual hardships incident to pioneer life. The Indians were frequent visitors, and the gun stood in a convenient corner to ward off encroachments of wolves or other wild animals. Their nearest neighbor for a time lived sixteen miles south of them. Our subject remained here until his death, which took place April 30, 1880. He was highly respected by all who knew him and was regarded as among the best citizens of the locality.

At an early day our subject had to carry his wheat to Pontiac to grist, making the journey with oxen and finding a market for the surplus product in Detroit. He was a Republican in politics, although he was formerly a Whig. In local offices he served as Justice of the Peace. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian. His widow still survives and lives on the home farm. She takes great comfort in the consolations offered her by religion, being a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Butler left at his death one hundred and seventy acres of land as the product of a life of industry and perseverance. Our subject had besides himself living in this vicinity, two brothers—John and Moses P. For years they lived near each other and their neighborhood was known as Butlers' Corners.

OSCAR SWEERS, a representative, prosperous farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 26, Atlas Township, Genesee County, was born September 11, 1848. His parents were Manley and Lydia (VanCleve) Sweers, the former being a native of Vermont and the latter of New York. In 1836 they emigrated to Michigan and took up land from the Government and lived in the dense forest miles away from any neighbor in a log cabin. A number of years later the father built a better home and into it he moved his family, but nowhere were they happier than in that little log cabin. In those early days Mr. Sweers used oxen in breaking up his ground and in other farming operations. He is now an octogenarian and is one of the oldest living pioneers in Atlas Township.

The father of our subject has ever been public-spirited and enterprising and cheerfully endured the many hardships which came to the pioneers of a new country. In September, 1891, he was deeply bereaved by the death of his faithful companion, who had shared with him the joys and sorrows of life and in her death the county lost one of its most valuable pioneer women.

Oscar Sweers was reared to man's estate amid

scenes of pioneer life and in his early days assisted his father in the rough work incident to a new country. He used to drive the ox-team which broke the stubborn virgin soil and became inured to the hardest kind of farm work. He received his education in the district schools and is mainly self-educated. December 9, 1875, he married Frances E., daughter of John and Hulda Rhodes. The father of Mrs. Sweers who is now deceased, is memorialized in this volume. By this union one daughter has been born, Jessie E., who was born December 3, 1876.

The gentleman of whom we write is a stanch Republican in politics and is an earnest advocate of the principles represented by that word. He is public spirited and ever active in movements which are intended to elevate the standard of morality and education in the community. He owns a fine farm of eighty acres which he calls the home farm, besides thirty-five acres in Lapeer County, and he and his good wife are highly esteemed as members of society.

ST. CLAIR S. HAMLIN. A farm of more than ordinary beauty and productiveness is that of our subject, which is to be found on section 9, Gaines Township, Genesee County, and the buildings upon it are valuable and well suited to the business of farming. The house especially is an ornament to the neighborhood and one which is prepared for the comfort and enjoyment of the family.

This gentleman was born in Aurelius, Cayuga County, N. Y., May 6, 1833. When he was one year old his father moved to Onondaga County, and lived there for sixteen years, so that this son's boyhood days were passed in that county. His father was a lumberman and at the age of seventeen the youth accompanied that parent to Syracuse where he lived for three years and attended school during one winter.

The family then returned to Cayuga County, and there St. Clair Hamlin remained until he was twenty years old. He studied in Auburn, one year and then came to Northville, Wayne County, Mich., where his father had already settled. The young man now assumed the profession of a teacher in Wayne County, and found his services in good demand, as able and well educated teachers were greatly needed and highly appreciated at that time. He therefore pursued this line of work for ten successive years in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston Counties, and also taught during the winters for eight years longer, and during that additional time carried on farming summers.

The first marriage of Mr. Hamlin took place in Augusta Township, Washtenaw County, this State, March 17, 1863, his bride being Mary Smith, a native of the Wolverine State. They settled at once in Gaines Township, of which Mr. Hamlin has since been a resident and his wife was called from the activities of earth October 13, 1878. She was a devout and earnest member of the Methodist Church. There are now living five of their children, namely: Lemuel W., Willard R., Frank A. Fred L. and Clarence H.

The present Mrs. Hamlin, who is a lady of more than ordinary ability and loveliness of character, bore the maiden name of Sarah Young. She was born in Gaines Township, this county, August 13, 1863 and was joined in marriage with our subject in Venice Township, February 28, 1879. By this marriage there are two children, Gertie M. and Clara E. Mr. Hamlin has held the offices of School Inspector and Drainage Commissioner and being an ardent Republican he has taken an active part in political movements. He is a man whose fine abilities and sterling character command the respect and esteem of his neighbors.

SIMEON E. ANDREWS. One of the most successful farmers in Genesee Township, Genesee County, is he whose name appears above. He was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., September 23, 1820, and is a son of Samuel M. Andrews, a native of Connecticut, who was born in New Haven. He served in the War of

1812. Our subject's father spent the first twenty years of his life in his native place and then went to New York State, where he was engaged at his trade, that of a carpenter and joiner. He followed that trade all his life and contracted himself in marriage to our subject's mother while in Rensselaer County. His wife was in her maiden days Miss Nancy Stuart. The family lived in various places, wherever the father could command the largest wages.

In 1826, Samuel Andrews with his family came by way of the Erie Canal from Albany to Orleans County and settled on a little place on the canal called Medina. Thence he removed to Carlton, N. Y., all the time following his trade. He was killed by the falling of a block which was thrown from a window. Our subject's mother lived to be eighty-three years old and died in this county, in the house where our subject now resides. Mr. Andrews' maternal grandparents were James and Dolly (Kindle) Stuart, natives of Massachusetts. The former was a carpenter and joiner and also a farmer. The original of our sketch was one of ten children, there being five daughters and five sons. All but three grew to manhood and womanhood and there are four still living. They are Polly, Jeremiah, Simeon and Samuel. Our subject is the fourth child and third son. He was reared in his native place and and remained with his father until his death. He then took care of his mother until he was twenty years of age when he started out in life for himself, coming to Michigan in 1841. He first settled in Jackson County, remaining there for one year, then spent four years in Wayne County where he was engaged in farming, thence came to Genesee County and settled in the township where he now lives, coming here in 1848.

Our subject's first two years in this district was spent on a rented farm, his location being made on his present place in 1848. There were then no improvements whatever. He built a house of logs which was 18x26 feet in dimensions, cutting the logs himself. He now has eighty acres of well-improved land, all the improvements of which have been made by himself. Mr. Andrews was first married in Orleans County, N. Y., February 21, 1841, to Miss Amy Hicks. She was born in Farmington Township, Ontario County, in 1813. Mrs. Amy Andrews died June 21, 1886, and was interred in the Genesee County Cemetery. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. They are—Homer J., Edwin E., Wealthy J., Chloe L., Amos E., Mary S. and George W.

Mr. Andrews was married a second time, his bride being Mrs. Samantha (Wittom) Alexander. The nuptials were solemnized September 21, 1887, in Franklin. September 1, 1891, Mrs. Samantha Andrews also died and was interred in Otisville beside her first husband, William Alexander. She was born in Vermont and came to Michigan with her parents in 1836, being at the time about ten years of age.

LEWIS SWEERS. Among the prominent, thrifty and enterprising citizens of Atlas Township, Genesee County, none is more worthy of the notice of our readers than the subject of this sketch. He is a native of the county, having been born here February 29, 1853, and is a son of Manley and Lydia (VanCleve) Sweers. The father was a Vermonter by birth, and the mother a native of the Empire State, and the Grandfather Sweers is said to have been a soldier in the War of 1812.

Manley Sweers, the father of our subject, migratted in the spring of 1836, from New York to Genesee County, this State, and purchased land from the Government where he put up a small log house and resided with his family for a number of years. Later in life, he erected a better residence and is now in his eighty-third year, and counted as one of the oldest living pioneers in Atlas Township.

This sturdy pioneer endured the usual hardships incident to the life of an early settler and had but limited means with which to provide for his family. He has ever been wide-awake and enterprising, willing to undertake work for the upbuilding of the county and helpful to the community in every way. He first farmed with the help of oxen but

in due time was able to command a team of horses. His education had been limited and he had been blessed with but few advantages. His wife, who died September 29, 1891, was also one of the first pioneers of Atlas Township.

Lewis Sweers, our subject, was reared to man's estate in Atlas Township, and from early youth engaged in farming, although his parents granted him time to secure a good common-school education. It was in 1877 when he was married to Amelia, daughter of William Siebenhar of Atlas Township, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume. By this union one son was born, Lewis L., who was born May 27, 1878. Our subject has made his own property and now owns a good farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He has served as Treasurer of the township for two years and in 1890 was the Enumerator in this township for the Eleventh Census. Politically, he is a Republican and is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees at Goodrich.

ROBERT ORR. It is with sincere gratification that a biographer takes up his pen to give the life sketch of a man whose character and life, not only reflect honor upon humanity but have proved worthy of the emulation of all who know him. This may be truly said of Mr. Orr, whose uprightness in business dealings and true worth make him a man of mark in the community.

The parents of our subject were Joseph and Ellen (McCracken) Orr, who were residents of Argentine Township, this county, and the father of Joseph was Allen Orr, a native of Scotland. The father of Ellen McCracken was also of Scotch birth, and here both the parents of Robert Orr grew to maturity, and they were married shortly before coming to America. They made their first settlement in Washtenaw County, this State, and after living there for several years came to this county, and settled in Argentine Township. They had a family of five sons and two daughters and Robert was the youngest of the flock.

Our subject was born near Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County, April 9, 1846, and lived with his father until he became of age, when he engaged in farming on his own account. About the year 1868 he settled in Fenton Township, where he lived upon a farm for ten years, and then sold it and removed to Mundy Township, which has since been his home. He has always followed farming and agricultural pursuits and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. He was married February 1, 1878, to Miss Betsey, daughter of the late Robert Newton, who had died in Fenton Township, this county, January 15, 1870. The mother bore the maiden name of Margaret Blinston and she had also passed from earth, dying in Fenton Township, October 8, 1877. The father of Robert Newton was Thomas and he lived and died in England. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Orr was Thomas Blinston who also spent his life in his native land, England.

Robert and Margaret Newton had five children, two sons and three daughters, and Mrs. Orr is the youngest in the family. She was born in Cheshire, England, May 2, 1858, and was seven years old when she came to America with her parents. The children who have come to brighten the home of our subject and his worthy wife are four in number, George, Byron, Burns, and a little son who died in early infancy. In his political preferences Mr. Orr is a pronounced Republican and he is confident that the principles of that party are best adapted to bring about true prosperity for our country.

HON. THOMAS CHALMERS TAYLOR. This gentleman is a lawyer by profession and is also engaged in farming, having a farm of two hundred and forty acres, on sections 28 and 31, in Almont, where he resides. He is a native of this place, having been born in Almont Township, at the edge of the village, on the same place where he now resides, his birthday having been April 19, 1843. He is a son of James and Janet (Lochhead) Taylor, both natives of

Scotland. The father came from Kinross and the mother from Kilmarnock, Scotland. The father came to America in 1826 and located first in Connecticut, employing himself there in the manufacture of carpets. He was there married, his wife having come to America with her parents. Not a great period after their marriage had elapsed before they came to Michigan, their advent being in 1834.

Our subject was one of fourteen children born to his parents, eleven of whom grew to maturity and ten of whom are still living, six in Michigan and three in the Dakotas. When the father came to Michigan he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, on section 28, in Almont Township. He was an enterprising and prudent business man and held various township offices, having been Supervisor a number of years. He was a candidate for the State Legislature in 1856, on the Democratic ticket, but his party being in the minority, he was defeated. He was drowned in Lake Erie, April 12, 1858.

He of whom we write was reared on the home farm. He received the rudiments of his education in the district schools and then went to Romeo Academy. The winter that he was eighteen he began teaching and was thus engaged at various times. He entered the University of Michigan in 1865 and was graduated from the literary department in 1869, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He taught at Leslie as Principal of the graded schools and then took charge of the schools at Hastings, Barry County, this State. While he was thus engaged he had been reading law and in the fall of 1871 was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law at Hastings, following his profession there for one year and thence removing to Almont.

In the spring of 1872 Mr. Taylor was married to Hannah C. Fowler, of Aurelius, Ingham County, Mich., and they are the parents of seven children: May E., James S., Emma R., Thomas C., Robert L., Joseph H. and Louisa F. The eldest daughter graduated from the schools in this place and is now a student at Alma College. The ancestors of Mrs. Taylor were numbered among the Puritans and early settled at Andover, Mass. Her Great-grandfather Fowler was killed in the battle of Bunker Hill and his wife was so overcome with grief at his sudden death that she soon died, leaving a family of small children, the youngest of whom, Josiah Fowler, grandfather of Mrs. Taylor, was about two years of age. He was separated from his family at that time, and on account of his infancy they became lost to him and he to them. Only in recent years, through the family name of "Josiah," did the descendants learn anything definite of the lost members of that branch of the Fowler family.

In politics Mr. Taylor votes the Republican ticket, having always been identified with that party. Since 1873 he has resided at Almont, and carries on farming on the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he resides. He has another eighty acres on section 31, Almont Township. He served as village attorney of Almont and Township Treasurer for a number of years, and has been Secretary of the School Board since 1876, with the exception of a portion of a year. He was elected a member of the State Legislature in 1889, serving one term and declining a re-nomination. During his time of service he was chairman of the University Committee and a member of the Judiciary Committee, and was ever faithful to the interests of his constituency.

ALBERT E. ATHERTON. The gentleman whose name appears above and whom we take pleasure in representing among the enterprising manufacturers of Genesee County is the proprietor of the well-known Atlas, Flour, Saw and Stave Mills, located in Atlas Township, Genesee County. He began business in Atlas in the spring of 1880, first fitting up the flouring-mill throughout and a year ago changing to the roller-process, putting in the best appliances made by the Case Company of Columbus, Ohio. This mill has a capacity of about fifty barrels of flour per day and also grinds feed.

Mr. Atherton employs one miller and a helper

in the grist-mill; his work is mostly custom work. He ships to various towns throughout his locality, his trade being for the most part that of sack flour. In the various departments of his sawmill he keeps constantly employed five or six men, the stave and heading departments being fitted out with the latest improvements in machinery. He began manufacturing staves and headings about 1887. The mills are located on Kearsley Creek in the village of Atlas and are run by water power, there being an excellent dam to control the water supply.

Mr. Atherton is a native of this county and was born September 2, 1850. He is a son of Childs C. and Susan (Colvin) Atherton. He was reared to manhood in Burton Township and received a good common-school education, having besides the advantage of thorough business training. He was married in 1878 to Miss Ettie Farrar, a daughter of O. P. Farrar, of Atlas Township. He became engaged in business in Atlas in 1880.

Our subject is a Republican in his political faith, believing that to be the party that most favors advancement in all commercial and governmental lines. He and his wife in their church relation are Baptists. Socially he is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees. The business tact and ability of him of whom we write is recognized throughout this region. The mills of which he is the proprietor are valued at $10,000 and they bring him in a fine income.

It will not be out of place to here add a few words regarding the family from which Mr. Atherton took his wife. Mr. O. P. Farrar is one of the representative pioneers of Genesee County. He now resides on section 7, Atlas Township, this county. He is a native of New York, having been born in Livingston County, November 15, 1818. He is a son of Pearson and Nancy Farrar, New Englanders by birth and education. His grandsire Farrar was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. O. P. Farrar when a boy came with his parents to Genesee County, this State, making the journey via Lake Erie and by water way, landing at Detroit and thence came northward with ox-team. Pearson Farrar on his arrival settled in Grand Blanc Township, being one of the first pioneers there. He subsequently died in Atlas Township. Mr. O. P. Farrar arrived at maturity in Grand Blanc Township. He was married January 31, 1841, to Miss Sarah E. Mills, a native of Genesee County, and born April 11, 1822. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Mills, natives of the Empire State. When but fifteen years of age she emigrated with her parents to Lapeer County, Mich., which was her home until her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Farrar were born four children, three of whom are living. They are Ettie J. (Mrs. A. E. Atherton) Flora A., (Mrs. William Hobart) and Edson A. Mr. Farrar settled on his present farm in Atlas Township about 1853 and has lived here ever since. He owns one hundred and eighty-three acres of good and arable land.

CHANDLER H. ROCKWOOD. This prominent and highly respected farmer of Genesee Township, Genesee County, was born in the township of York, Livingston County, N. Y., May 17, 1825. Conway, Mass., was the native home of his father, Garrett Rockwood, and January 19, 1795 was his natal day. His life ended in Ohio on New Year's Day, 1835. Sarah Holloway became his wife January 9, 1823. She was a native of Massachusetts and was born September 7, 1791 and survived her husband many years, passing away in Marseilles, Ill., June 6, 1883. The family record can be traced back as far as 1636.

Three daughters and one son made up the household of S. Garrett and Sarah Rockwood. The three daughters were Sarah, Eliza and Maria, one of them dying at the age of six and one passing away after reaching the age of forty years. Our subject is the eldest child and only son. The father died when our subject was only nine years old and this poor boy started out for himself at the age of fourteen going to live with a man with the understanding that he was to remain with him until twenty-one years of age, but worked for him only two years. Until he was nineteen years old he worked on the farm summers and went to school during the win

ters and then began to teach school and afterward attended school again, studying in the academy at Genesco, N. Y.

After leaving school the young man began carpentry work and undertook the manufacture of fanning mills. He came West, arriving in Flint, October 12, 1848, and there carried on that business for three years, expecting to go to college but instead bought a farm upon which he remained for three years and then sold it and removed to Flint, going into the manufacturing of doors, sash and blinds. He sold out this business in 1856 and bought a farm in Genesee Township this county, where he lived for ten years, pursuing general farming and stock-raising, but in 1867 sold the property on section 20, and bought the farm upon which he now resides, and upon which he has made many and substantial improvements.

Mr. Rockwood was married December 15, 1851, to Catherine V., second daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Buckingham) Robinson. Mr. Robinson was born in Windham, N. Y., May 3, 1803, and in the spring of 1833 he started for the West, leaving Mt. Morris, in Livingston County, N. Y., and locating in Flint, Mich., where there was then one log house standing near the site of the bank. They went north of this point and located Government land in what was known as the Coldwater settlement and there they improved a farm and lived for about fifteen years after which they located in Flint where the father died November 30, 1889. Mrs. Robinson was born in Hoboken, N. J., and died in her forty-ninth year.

Mrs. Rockwood was born in Mt. Morris, N. Y., April 18, 1830 and was thus three years old when she came to Michigan with her parents. After this she never lived outside of Genesee County. She completed her education in Flint and began teaching at the age of sixteen and taught nine terms in the district schools. She belongs to one of the old New England families and can trace her ancestry back to 1620.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood are William C., who married Ella Eldridge and lives in this county; Alice E., who is Mrs. M. E. Hammond; Charles R., married Catherine Davenport, and is a Civil Engineer in Washington State; and Edmond H., who resides at home with his parents. Mr. Rockwood is a strong Republican and in his early days was a Whig. He has served as Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Highways and all through the war served as Supervisor filling this office thirteen years in all. In 1867 he was elected to the Legislature and he has served as Assistant Assessor of Revenue for Genesee, Shiawassee and Clinton Counties and kept this office until it was closed out by the Government. He was appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue and was elected County Treasurer, holding that office four years, as long as the law allows. He is identified with the order of Free Masons and also with that of the Patrons of Industry.

Since the above was written our subject has passed hence, the date of his death being November 4, 1891.

WILLIAM LUCAS. Among the British American citizens of North Branch Township, Lapeer County, who for many years have been thoroughly Americanized and who, during the Civil War cast in their lot with other patriots and fought for the honor of the old flag, we are pleased to give the name of William Lucas. He was born in Oxfordshire, England about seventy-five miles west of London on the 5th of April, 1821. His parents, John and Mary (Manning) Lucas, were both natives of Northampton, and his father, the son of a rich man who had lost his estate, was a day laborer and unable to give his son a good education. This parent died when our subject was but fourteen years old, and the boy after that worked out for a living.

When Mr. Lucas had reached the age of twenty-six he was married to Eliza Fessey, of Hardick, and they became the parents of four children—Elizabeth L., Robert F., Harriet M. and Janey. These children have all established families of their own, and their mother was called from earth December 9, 1882. It was in 1853 when our subject brought his family to America, locating in Detroit through the winter. He first worked for John S. Bagg as

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gardener. He then entered the employ of John Hall on his stock farm on the river Rouge, and there had oversight of the hired men. He was a trained gardener in England on the estate of Lord Bute.

Somewhat later Mr. Lucas removed to Oakland County, where he farmed for two years, and coming to Lapeer County in August, 1856, he bought the place where he now resides. It was then all an unbroken forest, and he has made every improvement which is to be seen upon it to-day, besides doing much useful work upon the road.

He of whom we write enlisted December 11, 1861, in Company F, Tenth Michigan Infantry. He was under Sherman in what was then known as the Army of the West, and took part in the various marches of that body through Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Georgia, and though he served until July 19, 1865, he was not in any general engagements, and did not see much fighting. At the expiration of the war he returned to Michigan with his health much impaired, so he has been unable to do active work since that time. In his political views he is in earnest sympathy with the Republican party, and he says that the party which sustained the administration during the war, is good enough for him now.

CASPER J. HAAS. Without doubt the finest merchant tailor in the city of Flint is the gentleman whose portrait is presented on the opposite page. He was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main, at Hesse-Cassel, Germany, November 1, 1845.

His father, John Haas, was a shoemaker in the old Prussian city and was also engaged in farming near there. He still survives, a resident of his native land and is now eighty-one years of age. He belongs to a long-lived family, his mother being ninety-two years of age at the time of her death. During the Revolutionary War he served as one of the Hessian mercenaries.

Our subject's mother, Anna M. Mertz, also a native of Hesse-Cassel, died in Oberissigheim. She was the mother of four children, there being two boys and two girls. Susan died in Germany; Elizabeth, Mrs. D. Ellinger, died in Allegan, Mich., in 1866; John is a weaver and farmer at Oberissigheim. Our subject was reared in his native place and thence went to Oberissigheim, where he remained until past fourteen years of age and then came to America, which he had from boyhood had the greatest desire to see. He left Bremen, October 10, 1860, on the steamer "Hamilton." The ship encountered severe storms and was almost lost; its masts, rudder and rigging were all washed away and it drifted to the coast of Newfoundland covered with ice. It was finally discovered by a search party which had been sent out from New York and was taken to that city by a tug.

Young Haas was apprenticed to a tailor for three years in New York. Thence he came to Allegan, Mich., but after a short stay there went back to New York and in July, 1864, he enlisted in the Forty-first New York Infantry. He was mustered in at Poughkeepsie, but was kept as a substitute on guard in department posts and places until the close of the war. He was mustered out in New York in 1865 and remained there until January, 1866. He had attended the evening schools and had become proficient in the use of the English language. In January, 1866, he returned to Allegan, and on the 5th of May came to Flint and was engaged with Mr. Ford until 1870, when he started a merchant tailoring establishment on Saginaw street in the Fenton Block. He suffered in the financial crash of 1875 but immediately afterward started anew and opened an establishment at the corner of Saginaw and First Streets. In 1882 he moved to the Eddy Block, remaining there until April, 1888, when he removed his parlors into the fine new brick block known as the Haas Block, which comprises two stories and a basement, being 22x70 feet in dimensions and heated by steam.

Mr. Haas carries the finest stock of clothes suitable for gentlemen's wearing apparel and the latest assortment of goods. His patronage is not confined to this locality, for he has customers all over

the State, and all work receives his personal superintendence. About January, 1892, he purposes to open parlors for the manufacture of ladies' coats, mantles and tailor-made dresses, there being but one institution of that kind in the Saginaw valley.

Mr. Haas was married in Detroit, July 28, 1890, to Miss Katie Flynn, a native of New York State. Our subject with John Purney and James Williams, was the promoter of the present paid fire department, which was at first a volunteer company. Socially he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is also a Mason, and is captain of the Uniformed Division of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 21, K. of P. Mr. Haas is one of the most prominent business men, outside of speculative business, in this city. He is public-spirited and enterprising and it is with pleasure that we chronicle his success in a financial way. He is an ardent Republican in his political views. He has ever been identified with the public interests of the city and several of the fine residences here have been built by him.

BYRON HURD. No one is more accommodating to the wayfaring public than he whose name appears above, and no one is more liked by his fellow-citizens than the genial propietor of the Sherman House. Mr. Hurd was born in Lewistown, Niagara County, N. Y., May 7, 1837. He is a son of Ansil and Eliza (Furness) Hurd. The former was born in Keene, N. H., in 1799. Our subject's grandfather, Robert L. Hurd also a native of New Hampshire, went to New York locating in Pike, Alleghany County, and later, in 1845, came with our subject's father to Flint and resided with his son, Russel Hurd, at Pine Run, this county, until his decease, which occurred when he was ninety-four years of age. He was of English descent and of excellent family. He served in the War of 1812.

Our subject's father was a shoemaker by trade. He came to Michigan in 1846, bringing with him his family which comprised a wife and three children. He at once engaged in manufacturing shoes, building a shop at the corner of Third and Saginaw Streets and there employing from ten to sixteen men. Later he became foreman for Mr. J. Delbridge, finally retiring from active labor and his decease occurring in 1890, when at the age of ninety-one years. Our subject's mother was born in Vermont. She was the daughter of Artemus Furness, who emigrated to Ohio and then to Chesening, Saginaw County, where he purchased a farm and there lived until his decease, which occurred when he was seventy-eight years of age. Our subject's mother still survives and now resides in the first brick house which was built in Flint and which was originally intended for a schoolhouse. She is the mother of twelve children, nine of whom are living at the present time. Of these the original of this sketch is the oldest child.

When nine years of age our subject was brought by his parents to Flint, coming by water-way from Buffalo to Detroit and thence by team. He attended the district school in the old brick schoolhouse and afterward attended high school. In 1852 he went to Painesville, Ohio, with his grandfather Furness, working in the summers on the farm and attending school in the winter. He went back and forth between Flint and his grandfather's home in Ohio until 1856, when he returned to remain permanently and for five years took charge of a livery barn, running the place until 1861. He then went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania and remained for one year, teaming it from Waterford Erie County, to McClintoc Flats, hauling oil over the road. He took some horses through to Oskaloosa, Iowa, driving them on foot from Burlington. He remained there a year engaged in teaming and in the employ of the Western Stage Company, carrying mail. He drove the mail carriage between Oskaloosa and Fort Kearney, Neb. He was thus employed for about five years.

In 1867 Mr. Hurd returned to Flint and served as a common laborer during the summers upon the farms and in the winters in a lumber camp. About 1876 he became foreman of a livery stable for Mr. I. H. Beebe and was then employed in the old Thayer House, now the Crystal House, and afterward became clerk in the McIntyre House, later in the Sherman House which has been rebuilt and in

1887 he rented and furnished the Exchange House on Saginaw Street, opposite the Courthouse and ran it until September, 1889, when he purchased the fixtures of the Sherman House and has since been its proprietor. It is one of the oldest hotels in the city, is nicely furnished and in every way a first-class house.

Our subject was married in Lansing to Miss Polly Bennett, a native of New York State. Their nuptials were solemnized May 30, 1882. In his belief Mr. Hurd is a Republican of the true-blue type.

CLINTON S. WOOD. This prominent resident of section 6, Atlas Township, Genesee County, is a son of New York, being born in Yates County, that State, September 8, 1818. He is a son of Barnabas and Betsey (Davis) Wood, pioneers of Livingston County, N. Y. When only a youth our subject learned the cooper's trade which he followed for many years and his father was a cooper before him. Few educational advantages were offered him but he improved conscientiously every opportunity and has become a man of intelligence and broad information, mainly through his own efforts since reaching manhood.

Lucinda Palmatier was the name of the lady who became Mrs. Clinton Wood in New York in 1842, and their wedding day was November 19. She was born in Delaware County, March 17, 1820, and her parents were John and Betsey (Weaver) Palmatier, both natives of New York and the father was a soldier in the War of 1812. When she was about fifteen years old she removed with her parents to Steuben County, and there spent her youth and young womanhood, receiving her elementary education in the primitive schools of that time.

After the marriage of this couple Mr. Wood worked for about two years as a farm hand at $10 a month and then went to farming for himself in Livingston County, N.Y., where he resided for many years in connection with his trade. In 1866 he sold that property and coming to Genesee County, Mich., settled on his present farm in Atlas Township, where he has since resided. Much hard work has been bestowed upon this farm, and he has made it thoroughly cultivated and highly productive. He has done much ditching and tiling. The first home here was in an old log house which some years later was removed and the present commodious and attractive residence built in its stead. In his accumulation of this handsome property he has been ably seconded by his faithful, prudent and wise counselor and helpmate, and they now own one hundred and sixty acres of excellent land.

Mr. Wood is warmly attached to the doctrines of the Republican party but is not a wire-puller or office-seeker, as he feels himself better adapted to the management of a farm than the management of affairs of State and prefers that more ambitious men fill the offices of the township and county. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are among the most esteemed and highly respected citizens of the township and have a large circle of warm friends. As neighbors they are regarded as most friendly and accommodating, and their integrity and uprightness give them the confidence of all with whom they have dealings.

ALBERT C. LYON, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Flint, is a citizen of this city, and occupies a lovely residence built on the site of his father's home here more than thirty-five years ago. Mr. Lyon was formerly engaged extensively in making loans as well as in real estate. He was born in Flint, of which place his father was a pioneer, March 28, 1848. His father, William H. C. Lyon, was born in Lima, N. Y., August 19, 1814, while his grandfather, Wakeman Lyon, was a native of Connecticut. The latter emigrated at an early day to New York. His death, which occurred, August 31, 1846, aged 37 years, was accidental and was caused by falling into a well. The ancestry of this family is traced back to one Samuel Lyon who resided in Connecticut in 1750.

After attaining to manhood in Lima, N. Y., William H. C. Lyon came to Michigan in 1846, and in Saginaw began trading with the Indians at various points, thence returned to Flint, where he continued to make his home. When he arrived in this city, he opened a general merchandising establishment on Saginaw Street, where the Congregational Church now stands, and for years he conducted business as a merchant. From 1850 and until 1855 he engaged with E. F. Frary in the grocery business, until in the last mentioned year he was burned out. During the war he was with Mr. Forsythe in the hardware business, and prior to this, in 1859-61, he was Register of Deeds of the county. While serving in that position he with his sons completed an abstract of titles of the county.

An extensive traveler, Mr. Lyon visited every State and territory in the Union, and he had an orange grove at Tampa, Fla., besides holding property in this county. His death occurred February 6, 1891, at Griffin, Ga. at the age of seventy-six years. His political affiliations were with the Democratic party, and he served his fellow-citizens in various official capacities, being Supervisor for many years. His first wife, known in her girlhood as Esther W. Riggs, was born at West Avon, N. Y., and was the daughter of Jeremiah Riggs, a miller of the Empire State. In 1825 Mr. Riggs located in Grand Blanc, this State, and while Michigan was still a teritory engaged in farming. Later he remove to Fentonville, where he became a prominent business man and there his life was brought to a peaceful close. The mother died January 16, 1865, in Flint.

William H., a brother of our subject, resides in Griffin, Ga., while Emma G., his sister, married J. M. Bishop and also makes her home in Griffin, Ga. Albert C. was reared and educated in Flint, where he attended the Union School. In 1866 he was a student in the Fenton school. At one time he owned the abstract of title office, and upon leaving that business he continued in real-estate and loans for ten years over the First National Bank. He was appointed City Clerk in 1881.

In 1889 Mr. Lyon built his beautiful residence on the corner of Clifford and Fourth Streets, and the lady who presides over this elegant home bore the maiden name of Anna M. Carey. She was married to Mr. Lyon in this city, her native home, in 1883. Mr. Lyon is a charter member of Friendship Lodge, No. 174, I. O. O. F. He is a Democrat, and in hearty sympathy with every measure tending to promote the interests of Flint.

HON. ROBERT P. AITKEN. Our subject is a man who has taken no unimportant part in formulating legislative measures that have tended to the improvement and enriching of that portion of the State in which he lives. Mr. Aitken was born in what is now the town of Perth, Fulton County, N. Y., probably in the winter of 1819. He is a son of William and Helen (Chalmers) Aitken, both natives of Scotland. They emigrated to New York and settled in what is now Perth, where they died. They had a family of six children and of these our subject was the fifth in order of birth. He passed his early life up to about the age of sixteen years in the vicinity of his birthplace, and then went to New York City where he was employed as a clerk in the office of his uncle, William Hinton, and after remaining for six years with him, in November, 1842, he came to Genesee County, Mich. Having laid up a portion of his earnings he decided to purchase a stock of goods. This he did but in a short time traded a portion of his stock for land which was located on section 8, Flint Township.

Our subject has been a resident of this township since the fall of 1842. He has given his time and attention to farming and agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of several hundred acres of land in this county, two hundred of which is in the home farm where he has erected a fine class of buildings. This has been beautified and made attractive to a great degree. Mr. Aitken was married in the city of Flint March 12, 1843, his bride being Miss Sarah J. Johnstone, who is a native of New York City, having been there born August 2, 1823. She is a daughter of William and Hannah (McCarthney) Johnstone, both natives of Ireland.

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Their decease occurred in Flint Township, at the residence of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Aitken have been the parents of ten children, seven of whom lived to be grown. They are: William H., Matilda E., Robert H., Grace L., David D., Anna J., and Sarah J. Two children died in infancy, John A. and Samuel M., twins. William H. married Evangeline Kingsbury. He served in the War of the Rebellion in the Eighth Michigan Infantry. His death occurred about 1873. Matilda is the wife of John McKircher; Robert H., married Miss Ida Anderson and they reside on the home farm. Grace is the wife of Robert Harrington; David D. married Ada Long, of New Jersey.

The original of our sketch has held the office of Supervisor of Flint Township for twenty-nine years, and is now serving his second term as Justice of the Peace. He has served also through two successive terms in the legislature during the troubled period of the '60s, having been elected in the fall of 1865 and re-elected in 1867. He has acted as Secretary of the Genesee County Fire Insurance Company, having assisted in its organization and being one of its first members. He has ever taken an active interest in political affairs and is an ardent Republican. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church. In 1886 our subject suffered the bereavement attending the loss of his wife, who died May 1. She lies buried in Glenwood Cemetery in the city of Flint, Mich.

HON. JOHN L. GAGE. The rank and file of the early pioneers are fast thinning, and the men who have worked for their estates, clearing and logging them, are being replaced by those who inherit the products of the labors of the sturdy first settlers. The gentleman whose portrait is shown on the opposite page is one of the few remaining pioneers in this vicinity. He was the second man who was elected to represent this county in its legislature and has been a resident of Burton Township, Genesee County, since 1836.

Mr. Gage was born in Rockingham County, N. H., October 5, 1805, and is a son of John and Lydia (Brockelbank) Gage. John Gage was the first white child born in that part of New Hampshire after the Revolutionary War. Our subject's grandsire, Joshua Gage, who was of English birth and parentage, was a Continental soldier and took part in the battle of Bunker Hill. John Gage removed from New Hampshire to Ontario County, N. Y. He served in the War of 1812 and was the incumbent of various local offices in his place of residence. He was seventy-eight years of age at the time of his decease, which occurred in 1857.

Our subject is the eldest of nine children, of whom four are living. He learned his letters in an almanac and attended school in a desultory way, enjoying a few weeks at the then noted academy at Canandaigua. He was thereafter engaged in teaching for six terms, and after coming to Michigan taught in the schools of the city of Flint in 1838-39. He remained at home until reaching his majority and was then engaged in the flouring mill for a few months. In 1827 he determined to learn the carpenter's trade, receiving $8 per month when first learning.

In 1830 our subject came to Michigan and purchased a small tract of land in Lenawee County. He subsequently prospected a good deal, making his tours on foot, and finally located near Flint, taking up a tract of Government land in 1835. The settlers were few and the work of clearing was appalling. He, however, built a house, to which the Indians came very frequently, and has made his home near Flint ever since. Mr. Gage was married July 19, 1835, to Miss Mary Tufts, a daughter of John Tufts, of Canandaigua, N. Y. Mrs. Mary Gage died in February, 1889. She was the mother of seven children. Of these Ellen is deceased; Mary is the wife of George H. Chapin, a farmer of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County; Eliza Jane is the wife of Abram Peer, of Burton Township; Lydia E. is deceased; Charles resides in Wexford County, this State; Julia is the wife of William Ray, a farmer in Mundy Township; and Susan is the wife of Joseph Jellis, of Flint.

Mr. Gage is a Democrat in politics. He has been Supervisor of his township for five terms, Justice

of the Peace for one term, Assessor and School Inspector, and has held the position of Commissioner of Highways for two terms. He represented Genesee County in the State Legislature during 1843, when it met in Detroit. He then served on the Committee on Banks. A petition was made to the Legislature to take from Lapeer County four townships and add them to Genesee County. Mr. Gage was greatly in favor of this and urged it upon the committee so that it passed and added greatly to the proportion of valuation in Genesee County. He has owned eighty acres of land, but has sold off some and now has forty acres all of which he has cleared himself.

JOHN B. McINTYRE was born near Newmarket, Canada, April 3, 1833. He is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Brown) McIntyre, who were both from Scotland, coming to America at an early day. Our subject's father was a minister in the Christian Church although he had spent a great portion of his life as a sailor. Mr. McIntyre was reared in Canada until thirteen years of age, excepting four years spent in New York between 1841-45. At that age he came to Michigan and located first in Lapeer County, spending most of his time there until he was seventeen years old. He made his living by working out as a farm laborer, and when at the age above mentioned, he went to Saginaw and became engaged in the lumber business.

As a lad at home our subject had excellent advantages to acquire an education, but after coming to Michigan that important branch of his career was entirely neglected. Our subject began his business career by buying an eighty-acre tract of land in Elba Township. He sold this place and purchased the place where he now resides in 1856. His farm comprises two hundred and forty acres of land, and although it was in a perfectly wild and uncultivated state when he first came here, he has since reduced it to an excellent condition of cultivation and improvement, and has put a great deal of money upon the place in buildings, stock and in the agricultural implements necessary for advanced farming. Aside from this place our subject owns between four hundred and five hundred acres of land in different parts of the township.

Mr. McIntyre was married January 14, 1858, to Miss Phebe J. Lawrence, of Brandon Township, Oakland County, this State. By this marriage there are three living children, whose names are Samuel D., Marion M. and Harriet C. Mrs. Phebe McIntyre died in April, 1865.

On October 20, 1865, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Crawford, of Oxford Oakland County, this State. By this marriage there are nine children—Edward, Nettie, Rose, Lovell, Jane, Joe, Grace, Seth and Ruth. One died in infancy. He of whom we write has made farming his business ever since he came to this place. He has been extensively engaged in cattle-raising, being particularly interested in fine Durham stock. He is now also breeding Clydesdale horses; he has now a registered Clydesdale, by name Lord Clyde. He keeps a number of horses on his place and at present has twenty-four on hand. He employs himself in mixed farming. Mr. McIntyre is a Republican in politics and has held the office of Supervisor for nine years, while he has been Justice of the Peace for twenty-four years. He has been Township Clerk for two years and also Township Treasurer for some time. He is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church and his wife is a Free-Will Baptist; they are particularly interested in the upbuilding of good schools and public enterprises in general.

THOMAS BRANCH. More than forty years have come and gone since this gentleman opened his eyes to the light of day in the city of Flint. Here he grew to a capable, stalwart manhood, and has since been identified with the development and prosperity of his native county He has been an especial factor in promoting its agricultural interests, with which he is now connected, having a fine farm in Forest Township. This estate comprises two hundred and forty acres of as

good land as is to be found in the township, and by persistent labor Mr. Branch has brought it to a high degree of cultivation, and upon it he has erected suitable buildings. His parents were among the early settlers of this county and it has been his pleasure to witness and assist in almost its entire development from a state of nature.

Thomas Branch, Sr., father of our subject, was born in Cornwall, England, while his mother, Zibbie (McGuire) Branch, was a native of Ireland. The father, who followed the trade of a mason, emigrated to the United States, locating first in Maine and later in Buffalo, N. Y. Thence he removed to Michigan, settling in Saginaw and coming from there to Flint. Although not a native-born American, he was a true patriot and soon after the opening of the Civil War he enlisted in defense of the Union, serving three years and returning home in February, 1865, with a record as a soldier of which his descendants will ever be proud. He survived until January, 1876, when he passed from earth, leaving to his children the heritage of an upright life. The mother died about two years prior to her husband's demise, in 1874.

The subject of this biographical notice was born August 21, 1849, in Flint, this State, and as soon as old enough, was sent to the public school of that town, but when the late war broke out he became restless and longed to join the army. His father enlisted and went to the front, and although he was only eleven years old he resolved to follow him, and share in the excitement and perils of the battlefield. Failing to secure the consent of his mother to this perilous enterprise, he ran away from home in 1861 and joined his father at the army headquarters. Thomas Branch Sr. was in charge of the supply train belonging to the regiment, and later was given charge of the division supply train. When father and son returned home, the former commenced to farm on the place where the latter now resides, and the many improvements apparent on the estate are the result of their efforts. The fine orchard which every autumn yields a large harvest of golden, luscious fruit was set out the same year the father died.

During the winter of 1875 a very important event occurred in the life of our subject that being the date of his marriage to Charlotte Hibbard, a refined young lady residing in Richfield Township, this county. Unto them were born ten children, two of whom are now deceased—Thomas and Bessie, the former dying at the age of two years, and the latter in infancy. The survivors are named as follows: Nina, Hattie, Elsie, Fred, Lolie, Carl, Josephine and Roland, all of whom are still under the parental roof, and by the careful training of their parents are being fitted for useful positions in the business and social world.

Since the death of his father, Mr. Branch has had charge of the old homestead, although he has not always resided here. In 1878 he became proprietor of the Branch House at Otisville, retaining the management of the same for eight years. For two years afterward he was engaged in farming, then moved to Columbiaville and conducted an hotel there called the Bristol's Hotel. This he rebuilt and named the Custer House. Since leaving that place he has remained continuously on his farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He has never been an office seeker, although he takes sufficient interest in political affairs to cast a straight Democratic ballot. He belongs to the Farmer's Alliance, and is considerably interested in educational matters. He and his wife are genial and courteous, and their attractive home is the center of perfect hospitality.

FRANK C. TWITCHELL. The genial gentleman whose biographical sketch we take pleasure in here presenting, is State Agent for the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fleming Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of Boss, Leader, Walkaway, and Reversible Road Machines, also road plows, dump scrapers and excavators. He is an active and enterprising business man, who is well informed on every topic and is a thoroughly agreeable and companionable gentleman. His residence has been in the city of Flint since 1888. He is a native of Michigan, having been born in Benton Harbor, Berrien County, October 8, 1859.

Mr. Twitchell is a son of James S. and Harriet

M. (Hoyt) Twitchell, the former a native of Onondago County, N. Y., and his father, having come from Connecticut and being a millwright by trade, settled in Onondaga County where he built and operated mills of his own. He was also a farmer. He was of Scotch descent and the name was originally spelled without the "t"—Twichell. Our subject's father was also a farmer and soon after his marriage, which was solemnized in New York, he came to Berrien County and settled in the vicinity of the present site of Benton Harbor, where he had a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. This he sold in 1872 and located near Flushing, owning a farm in the eastern part of Shiawassee County. He now resides in Flushing and in middle age is prepared to enjoy the degree of success which he has acquired. He was County Treasurer of Berrien County for two terms and also held other township offices.

The original of our sketch was one of four children born to his parents, the eldest, Hattie, being deceased. Ella, Mrs. Cronk, resides in Flushing; our subject was the third in order of birth, and Edward who lives in Flint, is a traveling man. After a residence of nine years in Benton Harbor Frank C. moved to Saginaw City and there attended school, finishing at the High School. He remained at home until he had reached his majority and then entered the employ of the firm with which he is at present.

Mr. Twitchell found the business of agent to be not very smooth sailing at first, there being so many competitors in the field, but his sales have increased by a remarkable ratio. In 1888 he became State Agent and General Manager in Michigan for the firm with which he is and established his headquarters at Flint, his office being at No. 109 Detroit street. He has succeeded in introducing and making most popular the machines which he sells in every county in the State. He has four men on the road working under him and over one hundred agencies throughout the State.

Mr. Twitchell was married in Flushing, October 12, 1881, to Miss Olivia E. Hoard, a native of Lapeer County, this State, and a daughter of O. B. Hoard, a retired farmer of Flushing Township, and on the road for our subject. He and his estimable wife are the parents of two children—Hattie and Clara. Socially our subject belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. In his religious preference he is an Episcopalian and in politics he takes a pride in the fact that he is allied to the Democrats.

WILBUR F. HERRICK. Our subject is a resident upon section 33, having an excellent farm which adjoins that of his brother, J. H. Herrick. He was born upon this place in the family homestead, December 16, 1856. He is a son of the Rev. Alansen and Lydia (Van Steenburg) Herrick, of whom a fuller reference is made in the sketch of our subject's elder brother, which appears in another portion of this work. Our subject was one of a family of four children, their names being James H., Sarah A., Wilbur F., and a child who died in infancy. He of whom we write was reared to manhood on the place where he now resides and where he has always lived with the exception of about three years, when with his parents he made his home in Midland and Lapeer Counties. He was educated in the common school and has always been engaged in farming. He is the owner of the old homestead, which comprises one hundred fifty-five acres. His father, the Rev. A. Herrick, came to Genesee County in the fall of 1839 and settled where our subject now lives. He spent more of his time, however, in ministerial work than in farming.

Our subject was first married in Flint Township to Miss Emily Keat who was of English birth and parentage. By this union Mr. Herrick became the father of one daughter—Emily A. Mrs. Emily K. Herrick died in Flint Township January 20, 1877. Our subject was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Hattie Holtslander, a native of New York State and a daughter of Samuel Holtslander, whose decease occurred in Genesee County. This marriage has been blest by the advent of three children—Samuel A., Wilbur F., Jr. and Myrtle L.

It is not to be wondered at that so public-spirited and capable a man as is our subject should receive the compliment of party favor. He is a Democrat in his politics and under that party has been elected

to the office of Highway Commissioner which post he has filled for two years. He has always taken a fairly active interest in local politics and as becomes a loyal American citizen, is well versed in National affairs. In church matters he takes a deep interest and is connected with the Methodist Episcopal body. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Royal Arcanum. He shows his interest in the advancement of his own calling by his union with the Farmers' Alliance.

FRANCIS WILSON. This representative and highly esteemed farmer residing on section 12, Mundy Township, Genesee County, was born at Springwater, N. Y., April 21, 1820. When he was quite a young child his parents removed to Connecticut, where he lived until he was sixteen years of age at which time he returned to New York, where in Monroe County he learned the trade of wagon-making and painting, following the business for sixteen years. He then removed to Livingston County, N. Y., and two years later came to Genesee County, this State. In 1852, he settled in Mundy Township, since which time he has followed farming and has met with unusual success in his calling. Upon his farm Mr. Wilson has erected an excellent set of farm buildings, and his estate comprises about ninety-five acres.

He was married in Rochester, N. Y., February 4, 1846, to Margaret Von Buskirk, who was born in Henrietta, Monroe County, N. Y., March 13, 1827. They have had one child, to whom they gave the name of Fred Grant. This son was a graduate of the High School at Flint and subsequently entered the University at Ann Arbor, taking up studies in the law department, but on account of ill health he was obliged to relinquish his course of study and died at the Sanitarium at Detroit August 6, 1888. He married Ettie May Curtis, by whom he had two children, one who died in infancy and a daughter, Etta May.

Mr. Wilson has held the office of Highway Commissioner and School Director and in his political views is an ardent advocate of the principles of the Republican party. His father, Frederick Wilson, died in Connecticut, and his mother, Susan Brown, died in Calhoun County, Mich. The parents of Mrs. Wilson were Garret and Elizabeth (Rulifsen) Von Buskirk. The former died in Rochester, N. Y., and the latter at the home of Mrs. Wilson in Mundy Township. The death of their son Fred was an overwhelming blow to the fond and proud parents as, although he was still quite a young man, his life was full of promise and he had shown abundant marks of ability and character. The family is highly valued in the community and Mr. Wilson is a man of more than ordinary discrimination, judgment and ability.

In connection with this sketch the reader will notice a lithographic portrait of Mr. Wilson.

WILLIAM SHAW, a representative farmer of Burnside Township, Lapeer County, is one of our British-American citizens who has made himself thoroughly one with us in all matters of interest to Americans. He was born in England, January 18, 1836, and is the son of William and Anna (Wilcox) Shaw, both natives of England. The father who was a shoemaker by trade was born August 17, 1811, and died August 19, 1852. Of the family of four sons and seven daughters our subject is the youngest, and only three of this large number are now in this life, namely: our subject his brother George and his sister Louisa, wife of James Porritt, of Orion.

In 1853, in company with his mother and his youngest sister our subject left England and came to America, landing at New York and emigrating at once to Pontiac, Mich., where he made his home with his sister at Orion, working upon the farm. This he continued with more or less regularity for eight years and he then left Oakland County and came to Lapeer County, where he bought eighty acres of section 31, Burnside Township, to which he has added, until he now has one hundred and sixty acres, most of which is now in a highly improved condition.

Our subject was married October 11, 1860, to Miss Mary Walker who was born in England June 8, 1842, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Spackman) Walker. By this union they have had ten children, four sons and six daughters, and they bear the names of Charles W., Martha, George E., Eliza, Nora, Margaret, Robert, Gracie, Fred and Clara. Martha is now the wife of John Wilson and Eliza has married William Wilson; George is married and is farming in this township, his wife bearing the maiden name of Elsie Forbes; the remainder of the children are at home with their parents.

The political views which Mr. Shaw considers most sound and best adapted to increasing the prosperity of his adopted country are expressed in the declarations of the Democratic party. Since his sojourn in this county he has been prominently identified with every movement for the progress, both socially and materially of its residents and he stands high in the esteem of his neighbors.

ABRAM TITSWORTH, a worthy representative of the pioneers of Michigan, resides in Atlas Township, Genesee County. He is a native of Erie County, N. Y., and was born August 15, 1829. His parents, Jacob and Jane (Vantine) Titsworth, were natives of Pennsylvania, and the grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Jacob Titsworth migrated from New York to Michigan in 1836 and after residing for a short time in Atlas Township, Genesee County, made his permanent home in Groveland Township, Oakland County, settling in the woods before a tree had been cut from its place. A rude log cabin was the family home. Indians were their neighbors and wolves frequent callers at their door. Self-denials and hardships made up much of the lot of these early pioneers, whose means were very restricted. In those early days Mr. Titsworth often drove to Detroit with an ox-team to get provisions and in many places the so-called roads were impassible.

This brave pioneer died August 25, 1869, and his wife March 8, 1863. Four of their eight children are now living, namely: Ellen, wife of Joseph Russell; Jacob, George and Abram. Our subject early became inured to the hard work attached to the pioneer service, and many a time in his early boyhood drove as many as five yoke of oxen in breaking new land. Self-indulgence had no room in those days and boys had to do without many things which were dear to them. The district schools of Groveland Township, Oakland County, provided all the education which was granted our subject. He was married, in 1853, to Sarah E. Barnum, a native of New York and daughter of Dr. Richard Barnum, then of Oakland County, and latterly of Atlas Township, this county. By this union two children, Charles R. and Hartson U., were born.

Mr. Titsworth has a fine property of one hundred and twenty eight-acres in Genesee and Oakland Counties, and he came to this county in 1878 and settled on the farm which is now his. Both he and his wife are earnest and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Goodrich, in which he is now serving as Trustee, and has also been Class Leader and Steward. He is a representative pioneer of his district and has been successful in life. In politics he is a Republican and his influence is great among his neighbors. His well-improved farm and fine residence with its admirable surroundings is a standing monument to his industry, perseverance and good management.

CHARLES T. BRIDGMAN. This gentleman is the manager and one of the partners in the largest mercantile establishment in the State, namely: Smith, Bridgman & Co. He is a man of intelligence and extensive business connections and experience and is considered one of the best financial managers in the State. He has devoted much time to travel and reads upon every subject with which he comes in contact in traveling. He has journeyed in every State and Territory in the United States, with the exception of the N. W. west corner of our domain which he will

explore during his next trip. He has visited Europe twice, taking his family with him the second time when he spent some six months abroad.

The firm of Smith, Bridgman & Co., was first organized in 1862 as William L. Smith & Co. and has passed through various changes since then. Our subject was born in Huntsburg, Ohio, December 6, 1845, and was a son of Charles Bridgman, a native of Northampton, Mass., and a grandson of Noah Bridgman. Their ancestry is traced back to James, who came from England to Massachusetts, in 1632. The grandfather died here at the age of eighty years surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

The father was married in Massachusetts to Juliana Warren and became one of the earliest settlers on what is known as the Western Reserve, in Ohio. He carried on farming and the manufacture of brooms and died at Huntsburg at the age of eighty-one. He was one of the original Abolitionists, being one of the few who voted for James G. Birney. Upon the formation of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance from the Whig ranks and was a stanch Republican till death, and a member of the Congregational Church. His wife was an aunt of Bishop H. W. Warren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also of William F. Warren, President of the Boston University. She was a daughter of Cotton Mather Warren and died in Ohio, in 1873, leaving three children—Lewis W., who died in Illinois in 1868; William H., who resides in New York City, and our subject.

Charles T. Bridgman had his early training in Ohio, but in 1859 being then thirteen years of age he went with his brother W. H., to Chicago, and entered the preparatory department of the University of that city. After two years in that institution he returned to Ohio and at the age of eighteen entered Russell's Military School, where he finished his education. In 1864, he entered the employ of W. L. Smith & Co., in Flint, and soon took charge of the office, and in 1871 became a partner in the concern. Three years later the name became Smith, Bridgman & Co., which includes four partners, W. L. Smith, Eli T. Smith, Charles H. Bowker and our subject. Their fine store measures 12x140 feet on the ground and occupies four floors. They carry a fine stock of merchandise and have an extensive trade. Mr. Bridgman is a stockholder of the First National Bank and was a charter member of the Water Works Company. He was also a director of the Conservatory of Music.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Sarah McKay, took place in Caledonia, N. Y., in 1870, and they have one child, Harry L., who graduated from the High School of Flint in 1891, and is now a student in the University of Michigan, taking the civil engineering course. Our subject was a member of the Board of Aldermen for two years and is a true blue Republican. He is a member of of the Congregational Church and is on its Board of Trustees.

SIDNEY McARTHUR. This well-known farmer of Marathon Township, Lapeer County, had his birth and early training in the East as he was born in Oneida County N. Y., April 19, 1830. His parents, Andrew and Phœbe (Vosburgh) McArthur were also natives of New York and they came West when this son was about eight years old, locating at once in Marathon Township and purchasing one hundred and sixty acres on section 21.

Andrew McArthur lived upon this farm until his death which occurred May 1, 1869. His wife survived him for some six years but she also has now passed away, her death occurring March 1, 1875. They had a numerous family and of the twelve children six are still living.

He of whom we write remained with his parents assisting them upon the farm until he reached the mature age of twenty-five years, at which time he decided to purchase property of his own and set up an independent farm. He bought forty acres on section 28, to which he has since added forty acres more, making eighty in all, and every acre of it is now well improved and in a highly productive condition.

The marriage of Mr. McArthur with Hannah

Roberts was solemnized March 25, 1855. This lady was a native of New York and she became the mother of three children, namely: Susan, who is now the wife of Peter Carl; John, who is making his home in Nebraska, and David. The mother of this family passed from life November 21, 1873.

The present Mrs. McArthur became the wife of our subject May 16, 1881, and her maiden name was Louisa Lossing. She is a native of Canada and was born August 8, 1844, being the daughter of Albert and Amanda (Bingham) Lossing. The Bingham family is of New York extraction, with its ancestry from England. Mrs. McArthur had her education in the common schools and she is a lady of intelligence and character, having great influence in the community. She is a devout member of the Free Will Baptist Church in which connection she finds a broad sphere of usefulness.

DANIEL RYANT. The gentleman who owns the farm on section 30, Flint Township, Genesee County, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., January 17, 1825. He lived in his native county until eighteen years of age and thence removed to Onondaga County, which was his home for two years. Having imbibed the Bohemian spirit from the unsettled condition of the country, August 2, 1845, he emigrated to Genesee County, Mich. For a short time he was engaged in lumbering in Flint and in Bay City and then was employed in his trade which was that of a blacksmith. He continued to live in Flint until 1855, when he settled on the farm whereon he now lives and since that time he has given his attention for the most part to farming.

Since 1876 our subject has laid aside the active labors of his hitherto busy life, and retired to enjoy the comforts of his well-earned competency. He cleared his farm and erected upon it a good class of buildings. His place comprises one hundred and two acres of land, all of which is under cultivation and which is highly productive. It has been made valuable besides by the addition of tasteful and commodious buildings, there being a comfortable and pleasing dwelling and good barns and outhouses.

Our subject was married in Flint, Mich., August 1, 1847, to Miss Mary J. Link, who was born in Mt. Morris, Genesee County, N. Y., December 5, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Ryant are the parents of one son—Francis—who married Miss Nancy Benson, of Canada. He is a machinist by trade and occupation. Both our subject and his wife are public-spirited people who are interested in all that promises to be for the advancement of the locality in which they live. They are connected in their church relations with the Methodist Episcopal body, in which he has filled various offices.

The original of our sketch is a son of William and Lydia (Alger) Ryant, the former being a native of Dublin, Ireland, and the latter of New York State but of Welsh ancestry. They lived the greater portion of their life in the Empire State, the father passing away in the Catskill Mountains. The mother died in Davison Township, Genesee County, this State. Daniel Ryant is one of four children, there having been three daughters and one son; he is the third in order of birth. The father of Mrs. Ryant was John Link. Her mother was Sarah B. Stanard. They were the parents of nine children. They came to Genesee County in 1836. Politically our subject is a strong temperance man and shows his leaning in this direction by his connection with the Prohibition party. They are an excellent family, who are numbered among the best class of Flint's townspeople.

HORACE G. MANN is a resident of the village of Mt. Morris, Genesee County. Mr. Mann was born in this place, June 14, 1855. He is a son of William H. Mann, a native of Canada. On reaching manhood our subject's father came to Michigan, in 1845, and located in Gen[illegible] Township, upon a farm, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for about twenty-five years. He owned the land where Mt. Morris is now built and platted the town, naming it Dover. It was afterward changed, however, to its present

name. He was a man of undeviating enterprise and push, and the town owes what it is to-day to our subject's father. He individually erected as many as thirty-five buildings in the place.

As is inevitable in the case of one who has large plans and large executive outlook, our subject's father met with reverses and losses. In 1871 a fire swept away nine of his buildings, upon which there was no insurance. William Mann was engaged for years in the mercantile business. He was a strong temperance advocate, nor did he ever use tobacco in any shape. He was one of the promoters of the Prohibition party in this section of the State, and although not connected formally with any Christian organization, lived a true Christian life. He was personally pleasing and had most genial manners. He was a natural artist and his taste was directed particularly to the painting of flowers, for which he had an intense love. His decease took place January 6, 1874, and he was interred with great honor in the Mt. Morris cemetery.

Our subject's mother was in her maiden days Miss Laura J. Boutwell, a native of New York. Her parents removed to Canada when she was about ten years old. She still survives at the age of seventy-seven years. They were married in the Dominion. Of the fourteen children that were born to them six are now living—Nathan W., Emily, Jenny, Francis, Lewis D. and Horace G.

Our subject was the youngest of his family and was reared in his native place. He finished his business education as the Bryant & Stratton College, of Detroit, and after that he spent one year in Clio, Mich., as clerk in a general store. The decease of his father occurring about this time, he assumed charge of the business, which was in a very unsatisfactory state. Under his able management it has increased until he now does a business amounting to $50,000 per year. He ships produce and keeps a general stock of mercantile goods.

Our subject was first married in 1876 to Matilda Sines, who died in 1888, leaving one daughter, Iva L., a young lady now fifteen years of age, who is her father's efficient cashier. Our subject was again married, in 1890, to Julia C. Hughes, who is her husband's co-laborer in his commercial work. Mr. Mann keeps busily employed five clerks, besides the assistance that his wife and daughter give. Politically he is a Republican and socially belongs to the Masons and also to the Genesee Valley Commandery, Lodge No. 23, Knights Templar. He, moreover, belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, at Mt. Morris.

JOHN EAGAN. One of the most successful farmers in Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County, is he whose name is given above. His place, which occupies one hundred and fifty-six acres, is located on section 30. He is an ex-Treasurer of the township, having served in that capacity for two terms. Mr. Eagan is a native of the Emerald Isle, having been born in County Longford, December 15, 1834. He is a son of Michael and Mary (Murtagh) Eagan, who were natives of the same place. His father was a mechanic and was also a thatcher, which he continued until his decease. Mrs. Eagan came to America with her son, with whom she resided until her decease, November 24, 1889.

Of the six children composing the family, John is the second in the order of birth. He remained in his native land until past fifteen years of age, and attended the common school, although his advantages in this direction were very limited. June 24, 1850, he left Dublin and reached Liverpool by steam, where he took the sailer "Caroline Nesmet" and landed in New York August 15, 1850. He remained in the metropolis for eighteen months, serving as a hack driver.

In the fall of 1851, Mr. Eagan came to Michigan and located in Flint, where he engaged in working at blacksmithing for King & Forsyth. He remained with them for two years, then worked as a journeyman blacksmith for two years, after which he located at Pine Run and opened a blacksmith shop. In November, 1858, he started a shop at Flushing, where he remained until March, 1877, when on account of ill health, he was obliged to give up his business. He manufactured wagons and sleds. He finally entered the grocery business, but continued that only a short time and in 1882 purchased his present

farm, and since coming here has made great improvements upon the place. All is under the plow with the exception of twelve acres and is all fenced. He has a fine home, barns and granary, and is accessible to two good towns—Flushing and Flint. His place boasts a very fine orchard. He devotes himself mainly to grain and stock-raising.

Mr. Eagan was married in Flint, July 5, 1857, to Miss Caroline Hinkley, who though born in New York, came to Michigan when quite young. They have been the parents of four children who are deceased and have three in whom they find much joy at the present time. They are John M., Agnes and Joseph B. Mrs. Eagan is a daughter of Jeremiah Hinkley, who was born in Delaware. Her mother was Phebe A. Brown before her marriage. Mr. Eagan was Township Treasurer and Collector for two terms. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church in Flint; he is a Democrat in politics.

ALBERT J. PALMER. The gentleman whose name appears above is a resident of Gagetown, and was born in Barry, Ontario, Canada, December 24, 1861, and is a son John and Maria (Verrall) Palmer. His father was born in Cornwall, England, and his mother in the same country in the city of Brighton, Sussex County, the former devoting himself to agricultural pursuits while in his native land and came to America in 1853, locating at Toronto. In 1874 he started for Australia but died while making preparations for the trip in New York City. He had previously traveled through South America and indeed had spent much of his life in seeing the different countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Our subject was given the advantages of a common-school education, only discontinuing his attendance at the age of seventeen years. He came to the United States in 1869, proceeding at once to Michigan and locating in Tuscola County, where he soon after went into business at Gagetown. The original of our sketch was accompanied hither by his mother who soon contracted a second marriage, her husband being William Carr, of Gagetown.

Albert Palmer began life in this place as a clerk for Joseph Gage and was employed here in that capacity for some time, leaving this position only to go to Saginaw where he became engaged as salesman for W. H. Clark, a dry-goods merchant in that city. After remaining with Mr. Clark for four years our subject returned to Canada, going to Toronto where he staid for two years and then returned to Gagetown. In October, 1890, he opened a general store here for the sale of dry-goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and since that time has been very successful in his business. He carries a well-assorted and selected stock of goods that is perfectly adapted for the patronage it has from the agricultural region surrounding Gagetown.

Mr. Palmer was married September 10, 1890, his bride being Miss Thirza Hall, of Akron, Mich. She is a daughter of John Hall who has for a long time been engaged in the agricultural calling in that place. Our subject is a follower of the Republican policy and theories and has all faith in the future of his party. He is allied socially with the Free Masons and is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. Although our subject has but recently started in the business of which he is proprietor, it is now most encouraging for the future, his first year's sales amounting to $8,000.

CHARLES FRANKLIN SHARP. Among the enterprising and popular young business men of Mundy Township no one is more worthy of the notice of our readers than this public-spirited and capable young man, who is carrying on a prosperous business as proprietor of the Mundy Tile Works. Although considerably under thirty years of age, he has made his mark in the community. He is well respected for both ability and character, and is building up an industry which bids fair to be of considerable importance in the community.

Our subject was born in Fenton Township, Genesee County, August 19, 1864. His father was

John Sharp and his mother bore the maiden name of Lucy Hardy, and both were residents of Fenton Township. They were the parents of eight children, and "Frank," as he is familiarly called among the people of the township, is the fifth in order of age. Upon the father's farm this young man had his early training in industry and the good qualities of perseverance, thrift and economy, and was educated in the common schools. Until October, 1888, he resided in Fenton Township and then came to Mundy Township, where he bought a half interest in the Mundy Tile Works, which were then being carried on by H. J. Haas. He entered upon this work in May, 1886, and two years later bought out the entire business. He carries on these tile works in an extensive manner and manufactures about forty miles of tiling yearly, for which he finds a ready sale in the home market.

This valuable young member of society established a home of his own and brought to it a bride in the person of Miss Belle Conner on the 1st of March, 1886. They were married at Holly, Oakland County, this State, and the lady is a native of Fenton Township. They have one child, to whom they have given the name of Roy. The political sympathies of Mr. Sharp are with the Republican party and he is active and influential among the young men of his township, yet he is not in any sense an office-seeker or politician.

AMOS S. CRAPSER. This prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Burton Township, Genesee County, is a son of pioneer parents and is descended from good old Holland stock, his early ancestors having settled in the famous Mohawk Valley generations ago. His farm is a model one and covers two hundred acres on section 33, and several years ago he was awarded first premium at the county fair for having the best farm in the county, all things considered.

Mr. Crapser was born in Burton Township, this county, May 3, 1842 and his father, Albertus Crapser, was a native of Greene County, N. Y., where he followed farming, coming to Oakland County, Mich., in 1835 and in 1837 removing to Genesee County, where he took up some land from the Government in Burton Township thus becoming one of the first settlers therein. He had to cut a road to get to the spot where he built his log shanty and here he lived until the fall of 1876 when he departed this life at the age of sixty-five, leaving behind him a record as an honest man and a sincere Christian. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father, Charles Crapser, was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., where he lived for some years and then moved to Greene County, the same State, where he died. He was of Dutch descent. The mother, Mary Story, was born in New York and of Quaker parentage. She became the mother of five children, four of whom are still living and she survived until 1881.

An ordinary district-school education was all that was granted to our subject and this was a short course and in the log schoolhouse. He has always lived upon the old homestead and remembers when wild game was plentiful and enjoys telling stories of the chase. He was married in 1880 to Isabella C. Palmatier, daughter of John K. and Julia (Crapser) Palmatier, both natives of New York, where their daughter also was born.

The father of Mrs. Crapser was a carpenter and spent his life in his native State, dying in 1875, while the mother is still living and has a family of three children still about her. Mr. and Mrs. Crapser have four children, Mabelle J., Ralph Amos, Susie Mary and Jessie Emma.

Our subject is a Republican in his political convictions and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Farmers' Alliance. His fine estate comprises two hundred acres. For a number of years he has devoted himself largely to the raising of Jersey cattle, Chester-White pigs and Englishshire Imported horses and has some very fine Hambletonians. He spent twelve or fifteen years in the produce business at Grand Blanc. Mr. Crapser has always taken a great interest in horse flesh and has owned some of the fastest horses in Genesee County. Mrs. Crapser is of French extraction and was born and reared in

New York City. She is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and their large old fashioned frame house is very attractive both in exterior and interior. Mrs. Crapser is a graduate of Normal College of New York City.

PETER E. McINTEE, D. D. S. Our subject is a popular dentist residing in Imlay City. He was born in Louth Township, County Lincoln, Ontario, Canada, December 14, 1843. He is a son of James and Elizabeth (Stoner) McIntee, the father being a native of Ireland and the mother of Scotland. The former was a farmer and died when our subject was only about eight years of age. Thus bereft of his paternal parent the original of our sketch entered the family of Lyman Wells, a dentist of Simcoe, Canada. He there received a common-school education and at the age of seventeen he entered the Dental University of Toronto, Canada, where he remained for three years. He was graduated in 1862.

Our subject was not satisfied with the instruction that he had received by itself, and spent two years in taking special instruction. He then became an assistant in the office of Dr. Lyman Wells, working with him until 1882. Dr. McIntee was married February 14, 1863, to Miss Mary J. Horton, of Pelham, Welland County, Canada. She was a daughter of Zephaniah and Abigail (Thomas) Horton. Mr. and Mrs. McIntee have become the parents of three children, all daughters. They are Le ora Adelaide, Azel Alice and Nellie Lee. The second daughter married Andrew Cornell and lives in Imlay City; her husband is telegraph operator; the youngest daughter lives with our subject, while the eldest daughter, Mrs. Edward Mulvey, lives in Toronto. Mrs. McIntee died February 18, 1879. March 8, 1882, our subject was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary E. Hutchison, of Simcoe, Norfolk County, Canada. By this marriage there is one child, David Yerex, who was born in Imlay City, September 24, 1885.

Shortly after our subject's marriage to the last-named lady he removed to Imlay City, where he has built up a good practice, being skilled in his profession. Our subject is Republican in politics but has never been an office-seeker. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having become so in Port Dover, Ontario, becoming a member of the Erie Lodge. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Imlay City and belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. In both societies he has filled all the offices. He is a member of the American Home Protective Association.

LEWIS PASSMORE, one of the representative farmers of section 5, Gaines Township, Genesee County, was born in Devonshire, England, June 17, 1846. His parents, John B. and Maria Passmore, came to America when this son was between five and six years old, and not long after they were settled in Clayton Township, this county, they both died. Upon the home farm Lewis grew to manhood and made his home there until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he went to Lapeer County, where he took up a farm in the forest, and having cleared it, devoted himself to its cultivation. Having lived there for eleven years, he sold the property and rented a farm in Mt. Morris Township.

A year later young Passmore bought a farm in Flint Township, Genesee County, where he lived for some three years, after which he put the property in the hands of a tenant and during the next three years made his home in the city of Flint. After this he bought two hundred and seventy-six acres of land in Gaines Township, which is the property where he now lives.

The marriage of Lewis Passmore and Mrs. Florence (Bump) Caswell took place in Clayton Township, February 23, 1871. This lady was born in Flint Township and is a daughter of Ellis J. and Nancy (Stewart) Bump. Her first husband was Hiram Caswell, and by that union she had three children—Ernest M., James H. and Carrice O. The latter died in early infancy. The offspring of the second marriage are Robert C. V., Lewis J. B. and Bertie R.

Yours, Respt
W. H. Underhill

By strict attention to the duties of his calling and an intelligent understanding of the peculiarities of the soil and climate, Mr. Passmore has made a success of farming. He is earnestly interested in the success of the Democratic party, with which he is affiliated. Mrs. Passmore is a sister of Mrs. Ellis Jacox, of Flint Township, and of this family more will be learned in the sketch of Mr. Jacox in another part of this volume. This lady is an earnest and devoted member of the Seventh Day Adventists, and in character and ability is a superior woman. Mr. Passmore's public spirit and intelligence make him a leader among his neighbors, and his judgment and experience are much relied on in local affairs.

WILLIAM H. UNDERHILL. The fact of a man being well spoken of by those among whom he has spent the greater portion of his life, is a sufficient indication of his character, and thus Mr. Underhill may be mentioned as a representative of the best element of his community—a man of strictest integrity, and one who, by a life of industry and the exercise of economy, has obtained for himself a competence. He now resides in a pleasant home in Clio, whither he removed in 1891. Prior to this time he resided in Thetford Township, where he was engaged in farming operations, and where he became well known as a man of probity and honor. For the past ten years he has been preparing himself during his leisure hours for the ministry, to which he wishes to devote his remaining years. A sincere and earnest member of the Christian or Disciples' Church, at Pine Run, he has officiated in the capacity of minister there since 1886.

In Niagara County, N. Y., Mr. Underhill was born July 1, 1842. When he was only two years old he was orphaned by the death of his father, Charles, who was a native of Canada and a farmer by occupation. The mother, Julia (Whitehouse) Underhill, a native of New York State, was also removed by death during the childhood of our subject, and thus doubly orphaned he was taken into the home of his uncle, Mr. Whitehouse, in Vienna Township, Genesee County. During his youth he attended the common school in the village of Pine Run and gained a rudimental knowledge of the "three R's". Subsequent study has greatly enlarged his fund of knowledge and he is now well informed on all topics of local and general importance.

When ready to begin life for himself Mr. Underhill chose farming as his occupation, and at the same time learned the trade of a mason, at which he was engaged until about 1883. However, he did not neglect his farming interests, which he carried on in Thetford Township on an eighty-acre tract of land, half of which has been improved by himself. His success in agricultural pursuits was due chiefly to his determined perseverance of character and his wise judgment. When the call came for soldiers in the summer of 1862, Mr. Underhill enlisted in the Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and with his regiment was incorporated in the Army of the Cumberland. He served nearly three years, taking part in a number of important engagements, among them the battles of Nashville, Blair's Cross-Roads, Atlanta and Buzzard's Roost. In 1864 he was taken sick and was sent to the hospital at Frankfort, Ky., where he remained for four weeks.

When peace once more came to our country, and the soldiers were honorably discharged and sent to their various homes, our subject, among others, was mustered out in the fall of 1865, and at once came to Michigan. After his return he was married, May 10, 1866, to Miss Ellen Tinker, a native of Ashtabula County, Ohio. The family born to this worthy couple comprises ten children, namely: Charles, Elmer, Clayton, Ada, May, Fred, John, Jessie, Ella and Blanche, all of whom survive. The son Charles is engaged in a machine shop at Pine Run, while the remaining sons operate the old homestead. The daughters have been given excellent educations and are accomplished young ladies, very popular in the social circles of the community.

Mr. Underhill possesses in a rare degree those qualities which mark a man of honor and veracity, one in whom his fellow-citizens can safely trust.

He is greatly interested in the welfare of his adopted county, and takes an active part in everything that tends to promote its moral elevation or educational status. As above mentioned, he is especially active in religious affairs. His lithographic portrait is presented in connection with this biographical notice.

JAMES M. TORREY. This representative farmer, whose beautiful farm and comfortable buildings are situated on section 25, Flint Township, Genesee County, is a native of that township, and was born July 5, 1849. His father, Asa, and his mother, Orrissa (White) Torrey, are of Eastern birth, the former having his nativity in Bethany, Genesee County, N. Y., February 19, 1811, and the latter in Franklin Va., July 26, 1810. They came to Genesee County, Mich., in the fall of 1835 and have a family of seven children.

Our subject had his early training and education upon the farm where he now lives and studied in the common schools. He continued to reside with his parents at the old homestead until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he removed to Flint and entered the law office of Long & Gold, studying with them for a portion of two years. Prior to that time he had devoted himself to a considerable extent to teaching, and at the same time had prosecuted his own studies.

After leaving the office of Long & Gold, this young man removed to Millington, Tuscola County, and there practiced law for two and a half years, and was admitted to the bar May 29, 1879, at Flint. He then removed to Wilmot, Tuscola County, where he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business for a year.

The next removal of Mr. Torrey was to Kingston, in the same county, and there he practiced law for six years, and during the last twenty months of that time he was Postmaster of that village, being appointed under Postmaster-General Wanamaker. He returned to Flint Township April 1, 1891, to take charge of the homestead and care for his aged parents. He here carries on farming operations, cultivating one hundred and thirty acres. Our subject was married in Davison Township, Genesee County, this State, May 20, 1871, taking as his wife Sarah A., daughter of James and Thomison (Elsom) Baxter, both natives of England, the former born in 1819 and the latter in 1823. The mother has passed from this life and the father, who still survives, resides in Flint. Of their three children Mrs. Torrey is the eldest. She was born in Seneca County, N. Y., May 3, 1850, and she is now the mother of one child, Ina B.

Mr. Torrey has held the office of Township Superintendent of Schools, School Inspector and Township Clerk. He takes an active part in political affairs and is an ardent Republican. Since he was eleven years old he has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is now Superintendent of Court Street Church, in Flint, and Mrs. Torrey has also been a worker in its ranks since she was sixteen years old. Our subject is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the Maccabees and Royal Arcanum, all at Flint, and in every department of life he is a representative citizen.

JAMES E. RICHMOND. This gentleman, who has been a resident of Marathon Township, Lapeer County, since 1843, and who is the Postmaster at Columbiaville, is a native of New York, having been born in Steuben County, February 15, 1833. When his parents, Edward and Susan Richmond, came West from New York, their native State, they located at once in Marathon Township, where his father, who was a carpenter by trade, decided to take up land on section 34. He bought a fine tract of sixty-eight acres and settled upon it, and throughout the remainder of his life did little at his trade, preferring to devote his energies to clearing and cultivating his farm.

The father continued to reside upon this land until about three years prior to his decease, al-

though he did not part with the property, but placed in the hands of a tenant. He died August 27, 1861, the mother having passed away September 3, 1848.

Since leaving home Mr. Richmond has pursued various callings and in his early days followed blacksmithing and surveying, but in the fall of 1863 he went into company with D. G. Lawrence and then undertook lumbering. He has been successful in these branches of business and now owns one hundred and thirty-eight acres on section 22, which is as fine a piece of property as one may expect to see in a day's ride.

He of whom we write this sketch was married December 15, 1856, to a lady who has ever proved a faithful helpmate to him in the business of life, and her work and influence have greatly conduced to his prosperity. Her maiden name was Susan McArthur, and she is a daughter of Andrew and Phebe McArthur, and a native of New York. The four children who have blessed this marriage are by name: Lillah G., Mary E., Mabel G. and Byron L.

The political doctrines which Mr. Richmond considers most sound and conducive to the prosperity of the country are expressed in the declarations and platform of the Republican party. He has held various offices, among which are those of Supervisor and Treasurer of the township, holding the latter office for two years, his term beginning in 1881. His service as Supervisor extended through the years of 1882, 1883, 1884, 1887 and 1888, and he has been Postmaster since May, 1889.

GEORGE J. W. HILL is one of the Anglo-American farmers to whose thrift, industry and thoroughness the State of Michigan owes so much of her superior agricultural methods. Mr. Hill was born in Gloucestershire, England, June 14, 1820. He is a son of Joseph and Maria (Wall) Hill. The former was a butcher who lived and died in his native place. Our subject's mother came to the United States and died in Cattaraugus County, N. Y. They were the parents of three children of whom the original of this sketch is the eldest. He was reared and passed the early years of his life in his native land, coming to America when twelve years of age and landed first in Quebec, Canada.

Our subject went from Canada to Livingston County, N. Y., and for some little time was variously engaged in farming and in logging. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to learn the cabinet-maker's trade and gave a service of three years. At the expiration of his apprenticeship in 1837, he came to Michigan, locating first at Ypsilanti and there worked at his trade for three years, thence coming to Flint, where he was occupied as a dealer in furniture and an undertaker, until 1870, when he settled in Flint Township, Genesee County, on the farm upon which he now lives, and which is located on section 8.

Mr. Hill was married in Bath, Steuben County, N. Y., January 5, 1848, to Helen Bidwell, a daughter of Eli and Helen (Grant) Bidwell. The former was a native of Hartford, Conn., and the latter of Schenectady County, N. Y. She was of Scotch and the father of English ancestry. Their decease took place in Bath, N. Y. Mr. Bidwell was a brick-maker in his earlier years and later engaged in blacksmithing. Mrs. Hill was the sixth in order of birth of seven children born to her parents. The day of her nativity was July 28, 1828. She became a resident of Flint, Mich., in 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of eleven children, whose names are as follows: George, Frank B., Clarence, Sarah, George 2d, Helen, Flora, Frederick, Arthur G., Alice E. and Harry. The eldest George died in infancy; Frank, who married Margaret Pirnie, resides in Denver, Col.; Clarence died when young; George married Emma A. Burns and died in 1887. Our subject affiliates with the Democratic party and he has taken an active interest in local political affairs. Mrs. Hill is a member of the Presbyterian Church and allows no occasion to pass when by word or deed she can aid in the good cause. Since the spring of 1870 our subject has been engaged in farming and is now the owner of two hundred acres of land. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife

is one of the charter members of the Ladies' Library Club which was established in Flint in 1854. His farm bears fine buildings, a pleasant residence and capacious and well-built barns. He is a man to whom one never appeals in vain in behalf of any worthy and reliable enterprise. The grandparents of Mrs. Hill were Alexander and Margaret (Kelly) Grant. The grandfather died in Schenectady County, N. Y., in 1804.

PETER VANTINE. Among the representative families of Genesee County we find this venerable octogenarian, whose home is in Atlas Township, and who stands at the honored head of one of the most respected circles of the township. He was born November 29, 1844, in Cayuga County, N. Y., and is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Titsworth) Vantine. The father's family is of Holland extraction and has been for generations well known in the State of New York. His brother, John T. Vantine, of Oakland County is a prominent man in that part of the State.

When only a child, our subject removed with his parents to Erie County, N. Y., and received his limited schooling, when the daily walk to and from school was over a stretch of eight miles so that the boy did not have more than very limited advantages in this line. In early youth he learned the elements of farming and adopted that as his life work.

Mr. Vantine was married in Erie County N. Y., November 28, 1854, and his wife, whose maiden name was Lusinda Lockwood, became the mother of four children: Harriet, Isaac, and two who have died. Harriet is now the widow of Henry Updegraf and both reside in this township. After a short residence in Erie County, the young couple came to Genesee County and settled first in Atlas Township, this county, and afterward in Groveland Township, Oakland County, but four years later returned hither. The son Isaac who still resides with his parents, married Mahala J. Merwin, and they are the parents of seven children, namely: Reuben, James, Emma, Abigail, Will, Addis and Alice. Our subject and his wife took an infant girl to raise, by the name of Eunice P., forty-two years ago and adopted her as one of the family. She is married but still remains at home.

The faithful and devoted wife, who for more than half a century walked hand in hand with Mr. Vantine in the journey of life passed to her heavenly reward, September 3, 1890. She had with him shared the hardships and privations of pioneer life and together they had also enjoyed the comforts and satisfaction of prosperity in their declining years, and her companionship is keenly missed in this pleasant home. It is pleasant to hear Mr. Vantine relate incidents of his early life in this region when Indians, wolves and bears were his most frequent callers. He is a splendid representative of the typical Wolverine pioneer and receives what he richly deserves, the esteem and confidence of all who know him. His political affiliations have always been with the Republican party since its organization and his hand has ever been open to aid in every movement which would conduce to the welfare of his neighbors and the prosperity of the Commonwealth.

SAMUEL WALKER, deceased. The worthy and honored subject of this sketch was an early pioneer of Atlas Township, Genesee County, Mich., and was a native of the North of Ireland, where he was born February 14, 1812. His parents Matthew and Sarah Walker, were of Scotch ancestry. They emigrated when he was about eighteen years old to America and spent several years in New Brunswick. His elementary education was taken in the National schools of Ireland and he had none of the advantages of a higher course of study.

In the old territorial time this young man came to this county and settled upon the farm where his widow now resides, encountering many hardships and bravely meeting privations. His first home was in a shanty and later in a snug log cabin, which afterward gave way to the pleasant and

comfortable home that was his at the time of his death, which sad event occurred June 17, 1885.

The marriage of Samuel Walker and Catherine Jones took place May 14, 1856. This lady is a native of the North of Ireland and was born in 1825, being a daughter of John and Margaret Jones. She is the mother of one daughter, Margaret E., wife of Stephen Harding. Mr. Walker was identified with the Presbyterian Church and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His political preferences led him into the Democratic party, but he was ever ready to co-operate with any of his neighbors who were working for the social and educational upbuilding of the community.

The estate consists one hundred and seventy-one acres of land, the product of Mr. Walker's life labor, and his wife and daughter reside in the homestead, and are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Atlas. He was a kind and loving husband and father, a man of integrity and honor, and enjoyed the confidence of all who came into business relations with him. Although he has "passed to the bourne from which no traveler returns" his memory is still green in the hearts of those who honored and revered him.

CHARLES McNEIL, Atlas Township, Genesee County, is favored with the residence of many progressive and intelligent men whose enterprise and integrity have not only given themselves a fair meed of prosperity but whose character has added notably to the reputation of the township. Such an one we here name. He is a native of Chittenden County, Vt., and was born December 13, 1814. His parents, Charles and Jerusha (Lyman) McNeil were natives of Vermont and his grandfather Lyman took part in the War of 1812.

In his native State our subject lived until reaching his majority and during his youth attended the district school and took thorough training upon the farm. In 1835 he emigrated to the Wolverine State, which was then a Territory, and came to what was then Lapeer County, which is now included in Genesee County. He traveled by steamer from Charlotte, Vt., through Lake Champlain then by canal as far as Albany, where he took the railroad for Utica which was then the terminus of the road and then resumed the canal travel to Buffalo and came over the Lake to Detroit, from which place he traveled by stage to Grand Blanc Township being eighteen days on the way.

During the first winter of Mr. McNeil's residence here he assisted his brother in clearing and chopping and with this brother who is now the Hon. J. L. McNeil, he kept bachelor's hall for some time. His first purchase was where is now the site of Davison Station, but as he desired to be near his brother he exchanged his property for his present farm in Atlas Township. In 1840 he built a log cabin about 16x22 feet, and therein resided for several years. His first marriage took place June 4, 1844, and he was then united with Rebecca, daughter of Augustus Davison, by whom he had two children, Abigail and Jerusha, both of whom have now passed away, and their mother died, October 30, 1848.

The lady who is now Mrs. McNeil bore the maiden name of Caroline Wilson and became the wife of our subject, September 9, 1856. She was born in Washington County, Vt., December 11, 1820, and is a daughter of Samuel and Keziah (Green) Wilson, both natives of Massachusetts and a sister of John A. Wilson, whose sketch appears in this work. At the age of thirteen she removed with her parents to Livingston County, N. Y., and in 1838 after the decease of her mother she came with her father to Michigan, where they became pioneers in Atlas Township. She taught school for three years in New York and seventeen years in Genesee County, this State. She is a genuine pioneer teacher and deserves great credit for the courage and endurance she showed in those early days. She is the mother of two children—Jerusha K. who is following as a teacher in the steps of her mother and Cornelia W. who is at home.

When Mr. McNeil first came here he made his home in the dense forests and did much hard work in clearing the land and cultivating it. In the fall of 1848 he returned to his native State and for three years had charge of a steamer on Lake

Champlain. In the spring of 1852 he took the gold fever and went to California, but instead of mining he was employed for three years as a clerk for a trading company, after which he returned to Michigan and has since made it his home. The Baptist Church is the religious body of Mrs. McNeil choice and her husband is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is in accord with the Democratic party.

JOHN C. DAYTON. To our subject it is believed belongs the distinction of being the second oldest person now living in Genesee County, who is a native of this county. He is a whole-souled and sunny-tempered man who has a kindly word for everyone. He is proprietor of the Dayton House, one of the first-class hotels of the city, and is ex-Mayor of the city. He was born in Grand Blanc, October 28, 1837. He is a son of Jonathan and Maria (Upham) Dayton. The father was a native of Rutland County, Vt., and was a son of Daniel Dayton, a New England farmer, as was our subject's father. Jonathan Dayton was married in Vermont, and in 1819 located at Avon, N. Y., and was there engaged in farming until 1828. He came to Michigan as a pioneer, being accompanied hither by three families who came from Detroit by team, cutting their road as they came along. Mr. Dayton, Sr., purchased Government land in the center of Grand Blanc Township, and began life in a log house as a pioneer.

The family home was afterward built of square hewed logs, and was the finest house in the county at that time. It was located on the old Detroit turnpike. Later they built the first frame dwelling house in the county. They improved the farm, and about 1864 our subject's father retired from active labor, making his home in Flint until his death, in 1875, being at the time seventy-nine years of age. He was a Whig originally, and later became an ardent Republican. In his religious creed he was an Episcopalian and both he and his wife were charter members of the first Episcopal Church in the county, he being a Vestryman and Leader for many years.

Our subject's mother belonged to a family noted for its longevity. Her father, Joseph Upham, lived to be nearly one hundred years old, and his mother lived to be one hundred and five years old. Mrs. Dayton died in Flint in 1871. His father was thrice married. The first union resulted in the birth of one child, who died. By the second marriage he was the father of three children, and by the third marriage two children. Our subject and Helena, Mrs. H. C. Van Dusen, of Chicago, were the children of this last-named marriage.

J. C. Dayton learned the rudiments of farming while at home. He attended the district school during the winters, and gave his attention to his farm labor during the summer. He has drawn wheat to Pontiac, a distance of twenty-eight miles, and sold it there for fifty cents a bushel. For a great many years the Indians received their payment from the Government in a log schoolhouse located on our subject's farm, the agent being J. Frazier, of Saginaw. From the time he was twenty-two he worked a farm on shares, but in 1865 he left it and removed to St. John's, where he became engaged in the manufacture of crackers with J. M. Frisbie. Three years later he bought out his partner and continued the business alone, it being very extensive for those days, handling from $28,000 to $30,000 per year. While at St. John's he served his village as Trustee for two terms. In 1872 he sold out the business, and located in Flint.

After returning to this city, our subject dealt principally in horses until October, 1880, when he purchased the Dayton House. It was then known as the Brotherton House, and was built about 1875. It has one of the finest sites in the city, and is located on the west side of Detroit Street. It is a first-class hotel, and caters largely to the commercial trade, the traveling men being most appreciative of its comfortable quarters.

Mr. Dayton was married in Grand Blanc October 20, 1859, to Miss Jenny E. Wolverton, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., and a daughter of Dennis Wolverton. Mrs. Dayton was educated in

Rochester, N. Y., where her father was Manager for the Rochester House. In 1886 our subject served as Alderman for a short time in the place of H. C. Walker, and in 1888 he was elected Mayor of Flint on the Republican ticket. Although not himself professing a formal creed, he has the greatest regard for churches and especially that to which his wife belongs—the Episcopal.

GEORGE W. BELFORD. The gentleman whose name appears above is no longer of this earth. He leaves behind him, however, a record that is worthy the perusal of the young who should have before them an example in which uprightness of principle and industry and perseverance are paramount features. Mr. Belford was a native of Oakland County, this State, being here born April 5, 1846. He was a son of Hugh and Flora (Maxwell) Belford, both of whom were natives of Ireland. He was a brother of Mrs. Hiram Hodges, of Grand Blanc Township. He was reared to manhood in his native county and from early youth was engaged in farming.

Our subject received a fair education in his boyhood, attending the district schools in Oakland County. Like most of our American citizens, however, he made the journals of the day with which our country abounds his text books and from them he learned many valuable lessons. He was considered a well-informed man and his opinions were always met with respect.

Our subject was married February 12, 1873, his bride being Alice A. Butts, who was born in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, February 7, 1852. She is a daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Butts, who were prominent pioneers of Grand Blanc and of whom further mention may be found elsewhere in this volume. By their union our subject and his wife became the parents of six children, three of whom are living at the present time—Delbert H., Lida F. and Georgie G.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Belford resided for three years in Holley Township, Oakland County, and thence removed to Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, locating on section 21, where they lived until the decease of our subject which took place January 22, 1887. Our subject had served on the School Board and did good work in this capacity. He was a Republican in his political liking and was one of the progressive men of his party where he resided. Mr. Belford was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land, besides $2,000 worth of personal property. This is the product of his life's work, which had been one of persevering industry. In his home life our subject was a kind and loving father and husband, an obliging neighbor and a benefactor to all who needed a kindly word or helping hand. In his death the township lost one of its best citizens. It is generally said of him, that his word was as good as his bond. His widow resides in Grand Blanc Township. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at South Grand Blanc. Our subject was a man who possessed admirable business qualifications and the success that he acquired before his early demise speaks better than can mere laudatory terms of his foresight and industry.

DAVID W. BRUISE, of North Branch Township, Lapeer County, is one of those worthy sons of our noble pioneers who remember with great interest and just pride the labors which those early settlers performed in the former days, and whose own boyhood was spent in the very township where he now resides. He was born on section 12, North Branch Township, on the 27th of January, 1865. His father had his birth and early training in New York and bore the name of Wilmott Bruise, while his mother who was English by birth was known in her maidenhood as Emma Nichols.

The life work of the father was that of a farmer and the son was early trained in the practical work incident to a rude but thoroughly cultivated pioneer farm. As his parents were among the first settlers in the township he had thorough experience

in the hardships of those days and can give many interesting recital of the labors and sports of the boys who were so prominent a factor in the work of that time.

This youth was granted but very limited opportunities for education as he had no advantages otherwise than the district schools of the neighborhood which he attended regularly and conscientiously when he could do so. His education has had to be mainly gained by means of study and observation since he reached mature years. He began life for himself at the age of sixteen years as a farmer on the old homestead and this has been his home throughout life. His father was the first settler on this section road and he cut his place out of the wilderness. His political views have brought him into alliance with the Democratic party but he always contents himself by a conscientious discharge of the duty of suffrage and does not mingle with politicans or seek office of any kind. To his parents were born seven children as follows: Homer, David, Susie, Frances, Ludington, George and Mabel.

Our subject and his mother and youngest sister now remain at the old homestead. His father died May 7, 1883 and was buried at St. John's Cemetery.

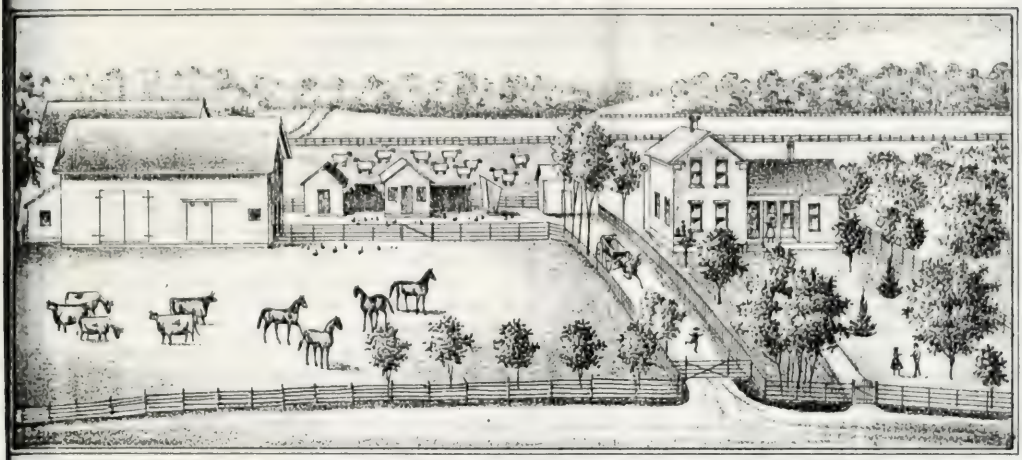
HIRAM A. HODGES. Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, contains some of the most enterprising citizens and worthy members of society in the county and prominent among these men of a higher grade is the present efficient Highway Commissioner of the township. He was born January 23, 1817, in Canada, and is a son of Lloyd and Cynthia L. (Lawrence) Hodges, his father being a native of Vermont and his mother of Canada, while his grandfather Lawrence was a soldier in the War of 1812.

At a very early day our subject came to Michigan being but two years old when his parents brought him to Port Huron, whence they soon after moved to Macomb County. There the father died in 1867 but the mother, who still survives, resides in Tennessee. Most of the early days of our subject were passed in Macomb County and in 1872 he began learning the cooper's trade which he followed for some nine years and was foreman for five years in H. M. Bradley's shop in Bay City. Besides the fair education which was given him by his parents he has pursued a course of reading which has kept him well-informed upon the subjects of the day.

Mr. Hodges was visiting in Wisconsin in 1864 when President Lincoln's last call was made for one hundred days' troops and he enlisted in Company E, Forty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, and became a part of the Western Army, being stationed at Nashville and Tullahoma, doing camp and guard duty. His honorable discharge was granted September 13, 1865, after which he returned to Michigan and has resided here since that time. He receives a pension of $8 a month on account of his services in the army. He was married in Holly, March 25, 1871 to Elizabeth Belford, who has become the mother of five children; Flora C., Edward B., Carroll A., Harrison, and Eva E. deceased. In the spring of 1878 he came to Genesee County, and settled upon the farm where he now resides and a view of which appears in this volume. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of land under good cultivation.

The political views of Mr. Hodges are mainly in accordance with the declaration and platform of the Republican party and in local movements he is ever counted upon to assist in developing the resources of the township and in establishing institutions which will be a benefit to the community. He is now serving his third term as Highway Commissioner of the township and in all his business concerns is meeting with success and enjoys the confidence of the community. Both he and his excellent wife are highly esteemed members of society.

DAVID WINGET lives on a good farm on section 16, Flint Township, Genesee County. He was born in Phelps, Ontario County, N. Y., April 3, 1824, and when six years of age was taken by his parents, Caleb and



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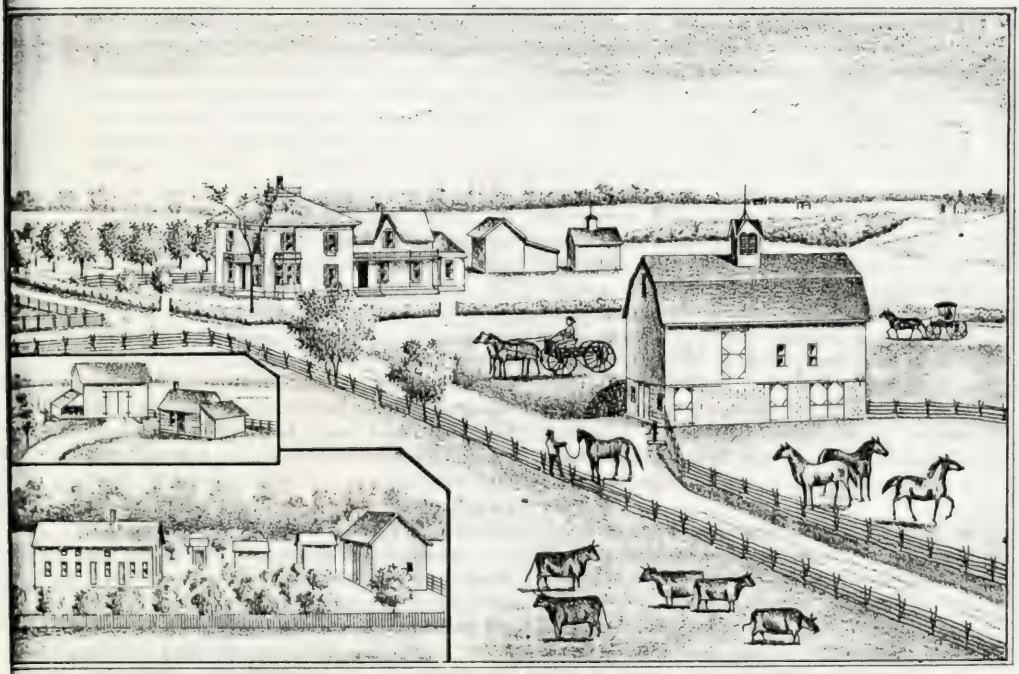


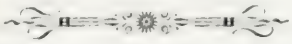
RESIDENCE OF DAVID WINGET, SEC. 16., FLINT TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

Mary (Farris) Winget to their new home in Wayne County, N. Y. They settled in Sodus Township, where our subject was reared and educated, remaining there until he was twenty-four or twenty-five years of age. He was early trained in the economic principles of agricultural life, although while living in Sodus he worked at coopering for about three years; aside from that he has always been engaged in farming and in breeding stock.

After leaving Sodus, our subject settled in Huron, Wayne County, N. Y., and lived there until the spring of 1854, when he came to Genesee County and settled in the township of Mundy. There he purchased a farm upon which he resided until the spring of 1883, when he sold out his place and bought where he now lives in Flint Township. Mr. Winget has been an important factor in clearing up and improving the land in Mundy Township, and has made valuable changes, individually and in company with others. He has a first-class series of buildings upon his farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty-three acres, and each department of the place is thoroughly developed. He has fine orchards and his stock is of the best grades.

Our subject was married in Wayne County, N. Y., February 15, 1843, to Miss Lucy Abbott, who was born in Galen, of the same locality, June 13, 1821. Her parents were John and Jerusha (Babbitt) Abbott, who died in the place where the daughter was born. Our subject's father passed away in Sodus, N. Y.; his mother died in Mundy Township. Mr. and Mrs. Winget are the parents of nine children, whose names are Elma, Sarah, Almira, Henry, Catherine, Frances, Jerusha, Maxwell D. and Hattie. Elma, Sarah and Almira died at the ages respectively of fifteen, seventeen and twenty-eight years. Almira was the wife of Albert Ives; Henry and Catherine died in infancy; Frances is the wife of Ira F. Wright; Jerusha is the wife of Everette Meeker; Hattie passed away when eighteen years of age; and Maxwell D. was killed by the bursting of a balance wheel, while cutting corn stalks.

Mr. Winget has served as Justice of the Peace in Mundy Township for two terms, and has also been conspicuous in school matters. He is a strong Republican politically, and takes an active part in all local affairs. His attention however is chiefly occupied by his farm work, and the result of his efforts is that he owns one of the finest estates in the county. A view of his place with its principal buildings appears on another page.



MIX McWAIN. This public-spirited and highly esteemed citizen of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, who enjoys to a marked degree the confidence of his fellow-men, and who has a fine tract of eighty acres of rich and well-cultivated land, upon which he carries farming and stock-raising, is a native of this county and was born September 2, 1852. His parents, Theodore P. and Mary C. McWain, were both natives of New York State, the former of White Creek, Washington County, and brought their family to Pembroke, Genesee County, in 1850, settling in a log cabin, which has been torn down for several years.

The father cleared and cultivated his land during the summers and taught winters, and was one of the first teachers in the township. Four of his seven children are living, viz: Mix, Asa; Dora, the wife of John D. Barton, and Willie J. The mother died January 21, 1885, but the father is still living and has served for two terms as Supervisor of Grand Blanc Township and also as Justice of the Peace. He is a Democrat in his political views and is now in his sixty-seventh year.

Mix McWain has from his youth been practically engaged in farming, and he received his education in the district schools of Grand Blanc Township and afterward attended for several terms the Flint High School. He subsequently taught for a number of terms, doing good work in this line.

Our subject was married December 17, 1876, to Florence L. Brainerd, a native of Grand Blanc Township and a daughter of Girden and Elvira (Woodworth) Brainerd, natives of New York and Vermont respectively, both now deceased. To them has been born one son, Clarence B., who came to them October 20, 1886. He of whom we

write is a self-made man in the sense of having worked out his own fortunes and having achieved his own education with but little help from others. He is earnestly in favor of all movements which favor the social and industrial progress of the township, and is a Prohibitionist in his political views.

MRS. SALLY ANN (RULISON) FISH, A. B. This prominent lady well known throughout Michigan as the publisher of the *Missionary Lesson Leaf* and *Foreign Mission Fields*, was born in Evans Mills, Jefferson County, N. Y., and is a daughter of Charles Rulison. He came to Michigan in 1849 but died soon after his arrival January 7, 1850, at the age of forty-four. He was an earnest Abolitionist even at that early day. His wife, Margaretta Swanberg, was born in Philadelphia in 1808, and was a daughter of John G. Swanberg, a blacksmith, who afterward went to sea for his health, but died in Philadelphia during the War of 1812. His wife, Mary Wright, was born in Pennsylvania and her father was a native of London, England and settled in Pennsylvania. After the death of Mrs. Fish's father her mother brought up the family, and she still resides in Flint. Of her six children this daughter is the eldest, and the eldest son, Cornelius E., served for three years in the second Michigan Infantry. He received serious injuries and suffered much from wounds, and after the war became a practicing physician and died at Flushing in 1890. The second son, Herman G., enlisted in the Seventh Michigan Artillery in 1861 and died from sickness during his term of service. Charles W. now resides in Flint and John and Mary died in early childhood.

The lady of whom we write had her early training in New York and until she was past fifteen years old attended school, studying at a select school in Theresa, N. Y. and continued her studies after she came West. At the age of sixteen she began teaching and in 1857 entered Albion College, graduating therefrom in June, 1859, with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences. For about three years she taught at various points and about the year 1870 she began organizing missionary societies in Michigan, and established about one half the societies in the State which are under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

After carrying on this good work with great ability for a number of years this able lady then became assistant editor of the Michigan *Christian Advocate* at Detroit, where she resided for three years.

Returning to Flint Miss Rulison gave attention to Temperance work, being an ardent member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and State secretary for one year. She began editing a small temperance paper entitled *Our State Union*, and in August, 1883, undertook the publication of the *Missionary Lesson Leaf*, to which work she added in 1889 the *Foreign Mission Fields*, which have a circulation in nearly every State in the Union.

The union of this lady in marriage, June 22, 1884 with Dr. G. W. Fish brought her into companionship with one of the noblest men of Flint. He was born in Kortwright, N. Y. in 1816, and received his education in the East, beginning the practice of medicine in Pennsylvania, marrying there in 1838, Octavia Mowry, and coming with her the following year to Flint, which was an almost unbroken wilderness. He carried on a pioneer practice until 1847 or 1848 at which time his health failed and going North he served the Hudson Bay Fur Company for a short time as physician.

A year later the Doctor went South and practiced his profession at Aspinwall and Panama and in 1859 visited China. While at Shanghai in 1860 he was acting Consul at Ningpo. The breaking out of the Civil War in the United States, caused the Doctor to discontinue his residence in China and he returned to New York in June, 1862, having made the entire circuit of the globe.

Entering the army as Surgeon of the Michigan Cavalry the Doctor took part in the campaigns of Rosecrans, Thomas and Sherman, acting most of the time as Brigade Surgeon, and for nearly three years was in active service. At the close of the

war he returned to Michigan and served his State as State Senator and Collector of Internal Revenue.

The dire disease, consumption, had entered his household and a son and daughter were taken from the home circle. Their mother soon followed and the bereaved husband and father, who was appointed Consul to Tunis, Africa, went abroad, taking with him his only remaining daughter, who was also failing in health.

After his return from this foreign residence Dr. Fish was united in marriage with the subject of our sketch and with her remained at home until his death. He was a man of clear and vigorous mind, of broad experience and a writer of merit, being a contributor to various periodicals of note. His death occurred September 19, 1885 and he was deeply mourned throughout the community. The Doctor was a stanch Republican and assisted in organizing the Republican party at Jackson.

Mrs. Fish was elected with two other ladies members of the Board of Education of the City of Flint in 1883, in which office she served for two years, and they have the honorable distinction of being the first women to be elected to such an office in the State. She is a believer in the right of woman's suffrage and a worker in the cause of prohibition.

JAMES HAMILTON. Arrived in the journey of life at the white mountains of experience, from which he can look back over the years that are fraught with lessons in which pleasure and pain, usefulness, labor and results are strangely mingled, it would seem that a man is but just prepared to live, and who knows but what it is a school, this life of changing and varying shades of happiness and unhappiness, fitting the soul for its after life. He of whom we write is one having these advantages of age and experience, now a resident of Atlas Township, Genesee County, having a farm on section 18, of the same. Our subject is a native of the North of Ireland and was born in June, 1820.

James Hamilton is a son of William and Elizabeth (McDole) Hamilton, but is said to be of Scotch descent. He lost his father when about nine years of age, and when in his fourteenth year came with his brother-in-law, Alexander Downey, to America, taking passage on a sailing-vessel from Belfast, and after a voyage extending from April 23 until July 6, he arrived at Quebec, later going to Montreal, and thence to Youngstown, N. Y., arriving there July 6. From there he went to Genesee County, N. Y., and for several years worked on a farm. In 1837 he emigrated to Michigan, coming hither by water. He first took up forty acres of land in Oakland County, where he resided several years and cleared a portion of his purchase.

Our subject was first married to Margaret Lobban, a native of Scotland. Their nuptials were solemnized in 1846. By this union he became the father of four children, who are: Matilda, Mrs. Junius Sanford; John; Elizabeth, Mrs. Thomas Collins, and James. Some time after the decease of his first wife our subject was again married, his wife being Mary Collins, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., and born May 4, 1834. She is a daughter of William and Diana (Larue) Collins. She came with her parents to Genesee County in 1836, and settled in Grand Blanc Township. Her father survived several years after locating here and her mother died quite recently.

By his second union our subject became the father of three surviving children, viz: Maggie, Mrs. Fred Dickerson; Jenna, Mrs. Fred E. Gale, and Minnie. About 1847 our subject came to Genesee County and settled on his present farm, building a log cabin in the woods. That continued to be their home for some little time, and he later built the house in which he lives at the present time. As a pioneer he underwent with his family the hardships usual to the life of an early settler. He owns a good farm of eighty acres, which is highly productive.

Our subject has served as Highway Commissioner for three years, and for many years he served on the School Board in his district, having held the office of Director for fifteen successive years. He is a Democrat in politics, and he,

with his wife, holds a high place in the social life of the community. They have both endured much hardship, and now are enjoying the fruits of their early labors. To the youth of today it seems hardly probable in viewing the highly cultivated state of the country that it was almost impossible to use horses, and that four or more yoke of oxen were necessary in breaking up the land. Mr. Hamilton is a well-known man throughout the county and is esteemed among the commercial fraternity as one whose ideas of business are clear and well defined.

GEORGE D. MARTIN. This well-known citizen of Dayton Township, Tuscola County, was born in 1840 in Oneida County, N. Y., and is a son of Martin and Louisa Martin. Martin Martin was born in the Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, in 1796, and there received the usual education and drill provided for the sons of Germany and was able to read and write in two languages. He also served an apprenticeship to a shoemaker and worked at this trade until he came to America which was in the year 1833. He then located in Oneida County, N. Y., upon a farm, and there our subject was born and the family remained until 1850.

At that time Martin Martin removed to Haldimand County, Canada, and spent the remainder of his life in that vicinity, dying there in 1854. His wife, Louisa Claeeman, is the daughter of Ernest and Sally Claeeman, the father being a Prussian and the mother a native of Saxony. Six of the seventeen children born to the parents of our subject are now living, namely: Henry, Hannah (now the wife of Henry Weaver), Louisa (Mrs. Jacob Shible), George D., Godfrey, and Harriet (Mrs. George Yaunt).

The father of our subject was the smallest in physique of three brothers and he measured six feet three inches in his stocking feet. He was for seven years in the German army where he served the Government faithfully and was a son of Philip Martin, a Prussian shoemaker, and a grandson of Casper Martin. This ancestor's name was originally Grosch and was changed during the French and German wars of the sixteenth century.

When only fourteen years old, George Martin devoted himself to acquiring the trade of a shoemaker and served an apprenticeship of four years, after which he followed that trade for some fifteen years. It was in 1863 that he located in Michigan and three years later he settled on the farm which is now his home. Here he devoted himself for several winters to working at his trade while carrying on agriculture during the summer seasons, but of late years he has given his entire energy to farm work. He now has one hundred and sixty acres and fully one-half of this property is in an improved condition and producing large and fine crops.

The marriage of George Martin and Triphena F. Shoup, daughter of Jacob and Amarilla (Sutherland) Shoup, took place March 17, 1862, and this happy marriage has resulted in the birth of seven children, two of whom died in early infancy, and Jacob E. was killed in July, 1890, by a railroad accident. Arminda C. is now the wife of Tunis R. Kice, and Edith E. has married Charles Clinesmith, while Emma L. and Sarah C. are still beneath the parental roof. The Free-Will Baptist Church of the neighborhood is the one with which Mr. and Mrs. Martin are prominently identified and our subject is also a member of the Mayville Lodge, No. 394, F. & A. M.

JOHN G. MATHEWSON. This representative member of an honored and highly esteemed family of Mundy Township, Genesee County, has his home on section 15. He was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., in the village of Franklinville, and was only two years old when his parents, John C. and Caroline (McClure) Mathewson, decided to leave the East and seek new opportunities for usefulness and prosperity in the West. They believed that by coming to Michigan they could provide better advantages in many ways for their children, and give them a

more sure opportunity for attaining prosperity in the future, and in this they were not disappointed.

On coming to Genesee County, these parents made their home in Mundy Township and upon their farm John received training in the practical work of a farmer's boy and took his education in the district schools. He early chose agriculture as his life calling and has pursued it through all the years since he reached his manhood, making his home always in Mundy Township, where he owns eighty acres of as fine land as is to be found within the bounds of Genesee County. Much of this land was unimproved when he took it, and he has accomplished a large work here.

The doctrines and policy which are announced by the Republican party, commend themselves to the judgment of Mr. Mathewson and he always votes the ticket of that party. He ever takes an active interest in the educational affairs of the neighborhood, and has held several of the school offices. Like all the members of the father's family he is public spirited and ever ready to lend a hand to promote the social, industrial and business interests of the township.

GEORGE L. BOOMER. He who represents the present generation of the Boomer family in Flint is the subject of this sketch. In his personal business he is in charge of the painting department of the carriage works in this city and in his public life he is Alderman of the Fourth Ward. He belongs to one of the oldest families in the city and one that has ever distinguished itself in public-spirited and enterprising directions. Mr. Boomer was born in Flint Township, January 8, 1853. He is the son of William and Emily (Phillips) Boomer. Our subject's grandfather, Benjamin Boomer, was for many years a sailor on the lakes and served as captain of his own boat. He brought his family here about 1840 and located on a farm in the township where he died.

Our subject's father was a young man on coming to this locality. He became engaged in stock-dealing, buying from the farmers in this vicinity and finding his market in Detroit. This he found to be a lucrative business. For convenience in his trade he located in Flint, in 1856. In 1885 he removed to Bloomfield, Oakland County, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, where he still resides. Our subject's mother is a daughter of Lysander Phillips. She was born in Niagara County, N. Y., in 1826. Her father came to Michigan and was with Alonzo Torrey on his trip from Detroit. He located a new farm which he improved and there died at the age of fifty-six years.

Our subject was reared in this city and graduated from the High School in 1869. He was then engaged as a clerk in a grocery store for several years, and later learning the painter's trade he has since devoted himself to it. In 1878 he entered the employ of W. A. Patterson and was soon placed in the show room as salesman. He was also sent out on the road on several trips, remaining with that employer for ten years. He then purchased a meat market on Asylum Street which he ran for about two years, and in 1890 took his present position.

Mr. Boomer has a pleasant residence located at No. 507 Asylum street. He was married in Flint, December 22, 1874, to Miss Sarah H. Kendall, a native of Genesee County and a daughter of Jerome B. Kendall, a native of this city. In 1891 our subject was elected Alderman on the Prohibition ticket, having been endorsed by the Republican party, and receiving the largest vote of any of the candidates. He has been Chairman of the Committee on Railroads. He is also Chairman on the Committee on Buildings and Repairing, also of the Water Supply Company, the Sanitary Committee, on streets, etc.

Socially he of whom we write belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. He adheres to the faith in which he was reared and is a member, with his wife, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the organizers of the Fourth Ward Mission Sunday-school and is the Assistant Superintendent. His wife who is a woman of marked ability, is an active member of the Missionary Society, also of

the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Woman's Relief Corps. A Prohibitionist in his political principles, our subject never fails to declare himself in favor of prohibition.

ALFRED INGALLS is the proprietor of a meat market in the city of Flint. The market is run under the firm name of A. Ingalls & Son, and is located at Nos. 1019-1023 South Saginaw Street. He is also the contractor for a large amount of paving. Mr. Ingalls is an old resident of the city, having been here for eighteen years and during twelve years he has been engaged in work for the city. Our subject was born in Genesee County, May 19, 1844, on a farm in Burton Township, four miles southeast of Flint, the place being known as the old Ingalls farm. His father, James Ingalls, was one of the first settlers of two or three who originally came here.

James Ingalls was born in Genesee County, N. Y. He there married Miss Melinda Snow and entered a wild farm upon which no improvement had been made. There he lived until his death, which occurred in 1861. He was then aged sixty-two years. He was the father of seven sons and two daughters; they are Lydia, Mrs. M. S. Goodrich; Horace, deceased; Benjamin; James; an infant who is deceased; William; our subject; and Henry, who is deceased; Ira and Mary. Our subject's mother died about 1868.

Alfred Ingalls acquired a good education at the district schools and in April 13, 1862, he married Miss Tryphene Lamberton of the same township as himself. She is a daughter of Alonzo Lamberton, one of the early farmers of this section. Our subject began farming for himself and pursued it until twenty years ago, when, because of ill health, he went into the butcher business, which he has followed ever since with the exception of the time in which he has been employed by the city. He added a grocery, which he ran for four or five years, but finally closed. He has spent most of his time as a contractor of street work for the city and for the past twelve summers has been engaged in paving, grading, graveling, etc. He employs in this work about eighteen men and five teams and now gives his whole attention to it.

Mr. Ingalls was elected Alderman for the term of 1880-90, representing the second ward on the Democratic ticket. He was elected to the position with a majority of one hundred and seventy against him and has been the only Democrat on the municipal force for some time, with one exception. Six years previous to that election he served as Street Commissioner for six years in succession. Socially our subject belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias. He is the father of four children—Horace J., Nettie, (Mrs. Charles Stewart) Blanche D. and Harry L. Freddie A., their eldest son, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a gun at the age of nine years, ten months and twenty-eight days.

HARRY F. DOWKER. The genial agent for the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad and he who attends to all the business of the road at Flint, is the gentleman whose name appears above. He was born at Park Hill, Middlesex County, Canada, June 2, 1856, and is a son of William and Nancy (Fairbanks) Dowker, the former a native of Yorkshire, England, and the latter of New York State. William Dowker came to America when young, his parents making the change and settling at Kingston, Canada, where they were farmers. In 1876 he came to Tuscola County and located at Fair Grove and is now a prominent farmer of that locality.

Mr. Dowker is one of a family of nine children, seven of these are living at the present time and our subject is the youngest. He was reared in Canada until fourteen years of age. He learned telegraphy at that time. While in Park Hill he was a clerk in the post-office and when sixteen years of age was appointed night operator for the Grand Trunk Road in Smith's Creek, Mich., and the next year became the agent at Emmet, for the

Chicago & Lake Huron, but now the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railroad. He held this position for three and a half years and afterward became station agent at Copack and then went to Stillwell, Ind., after which he was train dispatcher at Battle Creek for one year, thence went to Valparaiso as agent for four years.

In 1886 our subject came to Flint, there being a large business doing here between Port Huron and Chicago. Twenty-three men are in the employ under him. He was married in London, Canada, September 17, 1878, to Miss Amy Tremaine, who was born in Quebec, Canada, and is a daughter of J. E. Tremaine, of Cornwall, England, and who was an employe of the Grand Trunk Road. Mr. Dowker is a Mason, belonging to the Valparaiso Lodge; he is also a Forester. Both he and his wife belong to the Episcopal Church, while politically he is a Republican of the most pronounced type.

NELSON GOODRICH. Among the prominent and representative pioneer families of Genesee County, none are more worthy to be presented to the notice of our readers than the Goodrich family. Nelson Goodrich, who is the present head of the family, resides on section 29, Atlas Township. He is a native of this county and was born July 23, 1844. He is a son of Moses and Hannah (Anderson) Goodrich, both natives of New York. Moses Goodrich, father of our subject, was born in the Empire State in 1802 and was there reared to manhood. He had rather a limited education which he acquired by home training, his father having been a school teacher of fine reputation.

The first wife of Moses Goodrich died in her native State and in 1836 our subject's father with his brother, Levi Goodrich, emigrated to Genesee County, Mich., coming the entire distance with two yoke of oxen through Canada; they were seventeen days en route. All surviving members of his family were brought with him. There were six Goodrich brothers and among them they purchased one thousand acres of land. Moses Goodrich settled on section 29, Atlas Township, on the farm now owned by his son and our subject.

The place was very new at the time of the early settlement of the family here and their home was made in the woods. Moses Goodrich was twice married and of the children born to him the following survive: George, Eugene and Nelson. He held some of the minor offices of his township during his life here, his decease occurring September 10, 1887. His second wife died March 31, 1885. He has been successful in life and was one of the representative pioneers of the township. He was a Democrat in politics and sanctioned all measures that promised to be to the advantage of the district in which he lived.

The original of this sketch was reared to manhood in this county and knows what it is to get up in the morning and after taking care of the oxen, follow the plow from morning till night, and in the winter make the woods resound with the swinging blows of his ax. He used the first pair of horses, and broke them too, that his father ever owned. He received his education in the district schools of the township. He was first married December 1, 1866, his bride being Miss Emeline Swart, a native of Lapeer County, and a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Swart, early settlers of that county. By this union there was born one daughter—Mary A. Mrs. Emeline Goodrich died December 23, 1881.

Mr. Goodrich was again married December 29, 1883, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Emily Goodrich, widow of the late Joseph Goodrich, and daughter of Jonathan and Olive (Cobb) Frost, the parents having been early settlers in Genesee County and coming to Atlas Township in 1836. She was born June 23, 1847. Her parents are both deceased. Her father by his first marriage had six children, of whom four are living. They are Ettie, now the widow of C. I. Horton; Rhoda, Mrs. W. H. Putnam; the wife of our subject, and Jenny, Mrs. Dr. J. B. Bradley.

In his political affiliation Mr. Goodrich is a Democrat. He is now serving as the Deputy Oil Inspector of the Eleventh District. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. His farm comprises two hundred and eighty acres of well-

tilled and productive land. He makes a specialty of breeding good horses. The thriving village of Goodrich was appropriately named in honor of the family to which our subject belongs, they having been among the earliest and most enterprising settlers. His fine farm and comfortable rural home are among the best in Atlas Township and command the admiring attention of the most casual observer.

DAVID S. FOX. One of the strongest men financially of the city of Flint, is he of whom we write. Our subject is also personally esteemed for his numerous excellent qualities, which have besides led to his success in various directions. He is well known as a man of sterling integrity and worth. He is President of the First National Bank, also of the Flint Wagon Works and of the Glenwood Cemetery Association, which position has been accorded him willingly by his co-workers in recognition of his enterprise and ability.

Mr. Fox was born in Broken Straw, Warren County, now Sugar Grove, Pa., November 28, 1817. He is a son of David and Matilda (French) Fox. His father was a New Englander, born in Connecticut, as was his grandfather, who was a soldier in Revolutionary War. The latter died at a very advanced age, and his wife survived until 1831, being then ninety-seven years of age. They were of English descent. Our subject's father was the youngest of seven brothers. After serving in the War of 1812, he was married at Otisco, Onondaga County, N. Y., in 1816. Subsequently he became a pioneer in Warren County, Pa., being one of the first of three or four families to locate there. He cleared one hundred and sixty acres of heavy timber land, rearing a family of children in the log house. He died when over eighty years of age. He was a Whig in his political predeliction, and in his religious creed a Presbyterian. Our subject's mother was a native of Northampton, Mass., and a daughter of an old Revolutionary soldier. She lived to be eighty years of age, her decease occurring in Pennsylvania.

David S. Fox was next to the youngest of five children. He was reared to the pioneer duties of farming and made that his business for some time. He then worked at manufacturing shingles, and was engaged in lumbering, rafting, and sending his lumber down the Ohio to Cincinnati. He received limited school advantages, but acquired enough to start him in the right intellectual direction, and has since acquired by observation and reading what he now knows. On leaving his home farm at the age of seventeen, he went to New York and became an apprentice to learn the trade of a carpenter and joiner.

He was married in Barre, Orleans County, N. Y., February 17, 1840, to Miss Phebe A. Randall, a daughter of William Randall. In the spring of 1846 the young couple came West to Michigan. Mr. Fox rented a shop in Birmingham, Oakland County, and engaged in the manufacture of the Roger's Patent Steel-Tooth Cultivators. He continued in this for three or four years, and then engaged in general merchandise. In the fall of 1856 he came to Flint and purchasing a store put in a new stock of goods. In the fall of 1865 he started in the lumber business with Messrs. Walker & Begole as partners. They purchased and improved a mill, and were extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber and shingles. They also speculated in timber lands. They purchased large tracts of pine lands in Lapeer County, and getting the lumber out themselves, floated it down the river. During the last three years of their lumber business their lumber supply was brought by rail chiefly from Claire County, and the company which carries on the business is that of Begole, Fox & Co., one of the largest manufacturing firms here. These timber lands, however, have been cleared away and are now settled by farmers.

Mr. Fox was one of the organizers of the First National Bank in this city, and for the last twelve years has been its President. The Flint Wagon Works, of which he is also presiding officer, has greatly increased in size and importance, and now has a capital stock of $100,000 being one of the largest and most important factories here. Our

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subject has a very lovely home on Grand Travis Street, No. 606. His success in life has been due to the energy and hard work he has brought to bear. He has also made it a rule to lay by some money every year.

By his first marriage he has been the father of three children: Charles A., who is engaged in the merchandise business in Oxford, Ohio; Mary M., Mrs. John M. Hall, of Flint; and Herman D., who died in his ninth year. Mr. Fox has held various positions in the municipal government of Flint. He has been Alderman for four years and was Mayor two terms, and School Director of the First Ward for many years. Mrs. Phebe Fox died March 1887, and two years later, October 16, 1889, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Florence S. Tracy, a daughter of Fitch R. and Charlotte W. Tracy. Mrs. Fox's father was one of the pioneers of Genesee County, and was killed while engaged in milling at Goodrich. He served as Registrar of Deeds in this county. In his political career our subject was a Whig, and since 1854 he has been a Republican, and has frequently served as delegate to county and State conventions.

EDWARD B. SKINNER, who is engaged as a carriage manufacturer and blacksmith at No. 813-15 S. Saginaw Street, is one of the most influential business men of Flint. He occupies a fine two-story brick building devoted to his business, in which, until 1889, he made a specialty of the trade of a blacksmith, but since then has devoted his attention almost exclusively to the manufacture of carriages. He turns out custom work principally and keeps in his employ during the entire year an average of ten men. Mr. Skinner is a native of England and was born in Devonshire, December 19, 1857. He spent his boyhood amid the scenes of Devonshire and in 1872 accompanied his parents to the United States. After landing they proceeded directly to Michigan, locating in Flint Township, Genesee County, where the father operated as a farmer. After residing there two years he removed to Thetford Township, this county, where he now makes his home.

About two weeks after his arrival in this county Mr. Skinner engaged to work on a farm, at which he continued employed for some time. In 1877 he located permanently in this city, whither he came with the intention of learning the trade of a blacksmith. He first established himself alone in business in 1883, the scene of his activity being a rude and small wooden building upon the site of his present establishment. His success was such as to warrant the erection of a double-brick, two-story structure, 80x60 feet in dimensions, which was put up in 1887. His business has been growing constantly and he now has one of the largest custom manufactories in this section of the country. This splendid result has been attained by his unaided exertions and furnishes a good example to those just starting out in life with no capital save willing hands and energetic disposition. During the past fourteen years he has worked to the front in his business and now the name "Skinner" on work is a guarantee of its superiority.

On August 25, 1886, Mr. Skinner was married to Miss Margaret Radzs, a resident of Flint. Mrs. Skinner was born in Canada and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Radzs. Socially she occupies a prominent position in Flint and is a lady of many benevolent and kindly impulses. Mr. Skinner is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of Maccabees. During the past ten years he has been foreman and assistant chief of the Flint Fire Department, having been fifteen years altogether in the department.

A man of marked ability, Mr. Skinner would make a success of anything to which he devoted his attention. For two years he worked as a millwright and at bridge building, assisting to erect the bridges on the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway. He also worked for six months as a butcher in Flint, for one year in lumbering, in a sawmill, besides engaging in log driving on the river, etc. After he started out in business he was sick for about eight months, and during that time not only expended all his earnings but at the time of his recovery was $900 in debt. As soon as he regained his health he started out with renewed energy and

determination, and during the past four years has not only paid off his entire indebtedness, but has gained a solid reputation as a reliable business man, in the possession of a comfortable competency acquired by his own efforts.

On an accompanying page will be found a lithographic portrait of Mr. Skinner.

STEPHEN MATHEWSON, Supervisor of the Second Ward of the city of Flint, and a land surveyor and civil engineer by profession, was born in Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., February 28, 1831. His father, John C., was a native of Sherburne, Chenango County, N. Y., whence he removed at an early day to Cattaraugus County and operated as a farmer. There he was married to Miss Caroline McClure, and the young couple settled on a farm in that county. In 1848 they came to Michigan, settling in Mundy, Genesee County, on a new farm which bore few improvements. Our subject was a youth of seventeen years when he accompanied his parents to this State and he remained under the parental roof until 1853.

The parents had a family of eight children, viz: our subject; Grice, who still remains on the old homestead; Harriet L., deceased; Viola, the wife of Myron Bunnel; Angeline, deceased, who became Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and lived in Chesaning, Saginaw County; Caroline, deceased; John, a resident of Mundy, and Orion, deceased. The father remained on the farm which he improved in this county until his death which occurred in the winter of 1885–86. The mother passed from earth in 1856. They are remembered with affection not only by their immediate descendants but by those who knew of their noble characters and worthy lives. As one of the pioneers of this section of country the name of John C. Mathewson will be held in reverence so long as patriotism burns within the hearts of our countrymen.

The education which our subject gleaned from the old fashioned text books, was partly gained in a little red school house in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and completed in the High School of Flint. After leaving home in 1853 he engaged in surveying and civil engineering, which he had learned by observation and study. For some time he continued thus engaged during the summer, and in the winter season followed the profession of a teacher. He taught three winters after his marriage which was solemnized in March, 1858. The bride on this important occasion was Miss Louisa Bishop, of Grand Blanc, Genesee County, and the daughter of Julian Bishop, now deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Mathewson made his home on a farm in Mundy Township, which he owned and operated, but in 1872 he removed to Flint to engage in surveying county land. In that line of business he has remained since engaged, not only doing all the city work, but surveying for private parties. As a dealer in and contractor for sewer pipe and drain tile he does an extensive business, having been occupied in this way for many years. In the spring of 1875 he was first elected Supervisor, and has since served with credit to himself and acceptably to the people. During a portion of his term of service he has been Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. Between 1860 and 1870 he served as County Surveyor, and was Drain Commissioner for the county two years. While he resided in Mundy Township he served in various official capacities, among them being School Inspector and Township Clerk.

In his social relations Mr. Mathewson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, to which he has belonged since 1855, and is identified with Flint Lodge, No. 23; Washington Chapter, No. 15; Flint Council and Genesee Valley Commandery No. 15. He owns and resides in a pleasant home at No. 524 Harrison Street, where the visitor is sure of a cordial reception from the host and hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Mathewson have a family of four children, viz: Fred G., now with a firm of contractors at Duluth, Minn.; John J., who married Miss Margaret Rhodes, and has by that union one child, Louisa; he lives on a farm belonging to his father in Mundy Township; Edward C., who is in the employ of the Duluth *Tribune* Company, at Duluth, Minn.; and Emma May, who remains under the parental roof. These children received the advantages of

the Flint schools and are occupying responsible positions as members of the business and social world. Mr. Mathewson, with his estimable wife and their children hold membership in the Congregational Church, and contribute liberally to the various benevolent enterprises which appeal to them for aid.

JESSE H. DYSINGER is a farmer on section 27, Flushing Township, Genesee County, where he has a tract comprising one hundred and seven acres of fine land. He came to the Wolverine State in 1883 and settled on the place where he now lives. He was born in Royalton Township, Niagara County, N. Y., February 1, 1840, and is a son of John D. and Margaret (Robinson) Dysinger, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer and removed to Niagara County, where he pursued his calling. He came West with his son and died in 1885; the mother still survives and makes her home with her son, our subject, who is the only child born to his parents.

Our subject's grandparents on the paternal side were David and Catherine (Ernest) Dysinger, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was in his younger days a distiller and they removed to Niagara County where he died in 1852. The wife survived until February 10, 1871. David was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was born August 3, 1791. His father and our subject's great-grandfather was Nicholas Dysinger, a native of Holland. He with his wife, Eve, settled in Pennsylvania near Harrisburg.

Our subject's mother, Margaret Robinson, is a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Carson) Robinson, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was a weaver by trade, and she has in her possession some fine towels, the linen thread for which she spun and the father wove. They are still as strong, apparently, as when new and good for another generation. She is now eighty-seven years old and has all her faculties and is a bright and interesting woman. The original of this sketch was educated in Gasport Academy and in the Lockport Union schools. He was engaged as a farmer until twenty-one years old, then spent two years on a railroad in Pennsylvania, and then went into the threshing and clover huller business, running these machines for twenty-one years in succession.

Mr. Dysinger was married February 15, 1866, to Miss Mary Long, of Clarence, Erie County, N. Y. She was a daughter of William and Isabel (Calvin) Long, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was a native of Ireland and came to this country when young. Our subject has a family of four children —Elmer, Belle, Seymour and Mattie. Like his father, Mr. Dysinger is a Democrat. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and is Vice-President of the association here. Socially he is a Mason and belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is one of the prominent men of the township.

JAMES W. AVERILL. The farming interests of Genesee County are well represented by the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who operates and owns a fine farm of two hundred and nine acres in Forest Township. He is a go-ahead, pushing man, in fact a fair type of the American farmer, quick to turn every feature of nature to its own advantage. His success in business has been attained by his close application to his calling, of whose minutia he is a complete master. As a citizen he is reliable, in social life he is agreeable, and in his own home he is thoughtful and considerate. His farm is well supplied with a commodious residence, as well as good buildings for the shelter of his stock. The fields are well tilled and the place presents an appearance which indicates the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

A native of Orange County, Vt., Mr. Averill was born July 7, 1841, and is the son of Weston Averill, a farmer whose native place was in Vermont and Mercy (Wilson) Averill, who was born in New Hampshire. Our subject has no recollection of the

home of his birth, for when he was only one year old he was taken by his parents to Washington County, Vt., and there he grew to a sturdy, stalwart manhood amid the picturesque scenery of the Green Mountains. The educational facilities which were offered him were good, and after he had completed the course of study in the common school of his district he attended the academy at Barre, Vt.

At the age of twenty-six, in 1867, Mr. Averill came West to Michigan and located in Genesee County, where he purchased a farm on sections 18 and 19, Forest Township. Prior to this, however, he enlisted in December, 1863, in Company E, Eighth Vermont Infantry, and was with the Army of the Gulf under Gen. Banks. In July, 1864, he was ordered to Washington, D. C., and was under Gen. Sheridan. In the battle of Opoquon Creek on September 19, 1864, he was wounded and the injury was so severe that his right limb had to be amputated. Unable to continue with the regiment he was sent to Baltimore, whence one month later he went to the State Hospital at Montpelier, Vt. After remaining there one year he was discharged and returned home.

When Mr. Averill came West to locate in Michigan he was accompanied by his bride, with whom he was united in marriage March 4, 1867. She bore the maiden name of Emma Trow, and was a native of Washington County, Vt., having been born in the city of Barre. She is the daughter of Dexter and Mary (Chandler) Trow, both natives of the Green Mountain State. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Averill, viz.: Mary M., Weston H., Nellie J., Bertha B., Morton E. and Gracie L. Milton T. died in infancy. The two youngest children still remain under the parental roof but the others have gone forth into the world, to responsible positions for which they have been fitted by the wise counsel and good examples of their parents. At the time of the purchase of the farm, Mr. Averill found only seventeen acres improved, and he has now about one-half of the two hundred and nine acres in splendid cultivation. He raises a variety of crops, and also has considerable live stock, although he does not make a specialty of raising them. His political sympathies are with the Republican party and he has served as Township Treasurer for nine terms, besides other offices of local importance. He belongs to the order known as the United Friends. In his quiet home happiness prevails and the lives of its occupants are good examples of the best kind of country life.

JAMES M. FIKES. Our subject is a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and was born September 20, 1840. He is the son of John Fikes of New York, who was born in 1817, and devoted himself throughout life to the calling of agriculture. He came to Michigan and settled in Fenton, in 1876, and now lives retired from active business. Our subject's mother was, as a young lady, Miss Melitta Hicks, and is a native of the Empire State being born in 1819. She and her husband are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have been the parents of two children; the younger, Morris, married and became the father of one son and died in 1870.

The original of this sketch was reared on the home farm and attended the district school. He later went to select school for three or four winters, working upon the farm during the summer seasons. Like many ambitious young men he began his career as a teacher, commencing that work when sixteen years of age and pursuing it five successive terms during the winters.

Mr. Fikes began life for himself on reaching his majority, working on a farm on shares for seven years. He came to Michigan in 1870 and located in Tyrone Township, Livingston County, where he purchased ninety-six acres of land and devoted himself to its cultivation for seven years. In 1877 our subject sold his farm and removed to Fenton where he became engaged in the mercantile business, in 1878, as a partner with George E. Damon, with whom he remained for three years. He then sold out his interest to his partner and purchased a stock of goods, engaging in business for himself for nine years. His stock comprised groceries, crockery and general merchandise. He

finally sold his stock, rented his store and has since retired from active employment.

On the 6th of November, 1861, Mr. Fikes was married to Miss Annie A. Gifford, who was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., and is a daughter of William Gifford. Our subject's union with this lady has been blessed by the advent of one child, a daughter named Minnie M., who is now the wife of Dr. E. V. Riker and lives at Parma. She is the mother of two children. He of whom we write affiliates with believers in the Republican party. While a resident of Tyrone Township he served as Clerk for three years and was Supervisor for one year. Since coming here he has been Village Assessor for one year and has held other minor offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which he is a Steward. He has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school for over two years.

Mr. Fikes is the owner of ten acres within the village limits. He has besides one acre in another portion of the place and a two-story brick business block which he himself built on the main street. While engaged in trade he did an extensive business that aggregated from $18,000 to $22,000 per year. He owns besides his fine residence in the village, two houses and lots. Prior to coming to Michigan our subject manufactured cheese in Herkimer County, for eight years. In starting out in life for himself he was obliged to borrow money to begin on.

JOHN W. HANDY, M. D. There is probably no physician in Genesee County more worthy of the name than the one of whom we now write, and he is at the same time thoroughly worthy of the title of gentleman, and is a man of great practical experience and ability. His father, John H. Handy, was born in Connecticut in 1817, and his grandfather, James H., was a native of the same State. It was during his life time that the family name was changed by custom from Hendee to Handy.

The great-grandfather, Cyrenus, was born in Connecticut and served in the Revolutionary War, and his father, Barzilla, was a native of England, and established the Hendee family in Connecticut. The grandfather was a pioneer near Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y., and about the year 1829 he brought the family to Hartland, Livingston County, Mich., where he resided throughout the remainder of his life, which carried him over more than ninety-nine years. One of his brothers, Leman, was the famous showman, and owned the first caravan in which a man entered the cage of lions in the United States.

The father of our subject carried on the home farm in Hartland, until 1859, when he removed to Steuben County, Ind., and died there in 1879. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was honored and respected by all, having not an enemy in the world.

Dorothy Hancock was the maiden name of the mother of our subject and she was born in Ireland and married there for her first husband Thomas Walsh, and emigrated with him to America, where Mr. Walsh was book-keeper for the millionaire A. T. Stewart, his old playmate and schoolmate in England. He died of consumption a few years after their migration to Livingston County, Mich., where he came for his health, and she here became the wife of John H. Handy, and the mother of our subject. By her first marriage she had three sons and two daughters. The three sons are; Frank, Thomas and Alexander. The two last named served in the Civil War, and Alexander is the author of the "Mary, the Queen of the House of David."

Our subject is the only child of his mother's second marriage, and was born in Hartland, Livingston County, October 5, 1852. His educational advantages were indeed limited, and he paid his tuition for his first term in a graded school by selling the pelts of muskrats, which he had caught, and all through his school days he worked early and late to keep in school at all.

At the age of eighteen this young man began teaching, and saved the money thus earned to pay for further schooling. During the spring and summer of each year he was employed upon the farm. Attending a fall term of graded school and teaching every winter until he reached the age of twen-

ty-six, after which he was obliged to take charge of the farm until after the death of that parent. He early evinced great love for the study of physiology and anatomy and before long became an authority on these subjects in his neighborhood, and thus gradually drifted into the study of medicine. After studying at home for some time he entered the University of Michigan in the department of medicine and surgery, and worked his own way through. He graduated in 1884, taking his degree, and began practicing in Hartland, Livingston County, remaining there until the fall of 1885.

At this time the young Doctor decided to come to Flint, where he located for two years and entered into partnership with Dr. Cogshall for a short time, since which he has carried on his practice independently. His marriage in Indiana in 1876 brought to his home a wife in the person of Miss Elizabeth Robbins, a native of that State. He is a member of the Saginaw Valley Medical Association, a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Foresters and the Maccabees.

THOMAS O. WOLVERTON. He who presides over the incoming and outgoing mails of Grand Blanc and distributes the same, and a man who is not only a prominent citizen but one who is thoroughly companionable in every way, is he whose name appears above. He is a native of Monroe County, N. Y., and was born January 15, 1848. His parents were Dennis and Susan (Dunham) Wolverton, both natives of the Empire State. The former came with his family to Genesee County, this State, in 1851, and settled on a farm in Grand Blanc Township on section 4. That place he made his home as long as he lived, his decease occurring March 14, 1883.

Our subject's father had taken a prominent stand in the local affairs of the township, having served several terms as Supervisor and also as Justice of the Peace. He was an ardent Republican in his political creed. Of the large family born to the parents five now survive. They are Mrs. John Dayton, William C., Mrs. David Schram, Thomas O., and Mrs. C. Jenney. The father of this family took an active interest in local politics. He was a public-spirited man and a prominent member of the Baptist Church. His wife died December 23, 1871.

Thomas O. Wolverton has been reared to manhood in this county and from early youth has engaged principally in agricultural pursuits. He received his education in the common schools of the county and is a wide-awake, well-read man, having a large stock of good common sense. Our subject was married November 20, 1872, to Miss Anna Turner, a daughter of Robert Turner, deceased, and a resident of Grand Blanc Township.

Our subject and his wife have two children—Susie E., who was born 29, 1876, and Dayton J., whose birthday was July 4, 1887. For four years Mr. Wolverton served as Overseer of the County Poor Farm and for many years he was engaged in farming in Grand Blanc Township. In 1889 he was appointed Postmaster of Grand Blanc. He is a Republican in politics and was elected to his present position by virtue of loyalty to his party. For some time he was identified with the order of the Knights of the Maccabees. Our subject is the owner of eighty acres of excellent land which is under a high state of cultivation. For one term he served as Township Treasurer and discharged the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Any measure that looks to the improvement of the state of commercial or social life in this vicinity receives the support and recognition of our subject.

LEWIS G. BICKFORD. To record events of interest in the lives of those who have aided in the development of any given section of country, affords the biographer rare delight. Many of the courageous pioneers of Flint have passed to their final rest, but they still live in the hearts of their descendants to whom they furnish an example worthy of emulation. A number of years have come and gone since Mr. Bickford departed

this life, but his influence has not ceased. He was born June 26, 1816, in Manlius, Onondaga County, N. Y., and was the son of Dearborn and Roxana Bickford, natives of Massachusetts.

Young Lewis was educated in the East and became a merchant of Manlius. In 1836 he purchased a stock of goods, which he brought to Saginaw and opened up a general merchandise business, later carrying it on in partnership with Robert Page. This partnership was, however, unfortunate, and after their dissolution Mr. Bickford became Registrar of Deeds, serving for three terms, and then became Justice of the Peace, which office he kept until his decease, a period of over twenty-five years. Squire Bickford, as he was familiarly called, died September 18, 1881. Socially he was a Master Mason and was a charter member of the Presbyterian Church. Originally he was a Whig, and later became as ardent a Republican.

May 9, 1839, Mr. Bickford was married to Miss Marla Gale, at the residence of the bride's aunt, the Rev. Mr. Beach, a prominent Presbyterian divine, performing the ceremony. Mrs. Bickford was born in Salisbury, Rutland County, Vt., December 6, 1818, and is a daughter of Leonard and Lavina (Cummings) Gale, both natives of Vermont. Leonard Gale served in the Revolutionary War. He was a hotel man, who in 1824 located at Warsaw, N. Y., running a line of stages between that city and Batavia, and Warsaw and Buffalo.

In 1850 Mrs. Bickford's father removed to Westfield, Chautauqua County, and had a stage route between Westfield and Erie, and also between Westfield and Buffalo. Successful in life and having accumulated enough to make him comfortable during his last years, he died at the age of seventy-three years. Mrs. Bickford's maternal grandsire, Ephraim Cummings, also served in the Revolutionary War. He died at Westfield, as did also Mrs. Bickford's mother, in 1888, at the age of ninety-three years. Of five children born of the marriage of Mrs. Bickford's parents, three are living, and of these Mrs. Bickford is the eldest. Following her are Frances M. and Chauncy.

Mrs. Bickford was reared in Warsaw until twelve years of age, then went to Westfield, where she was a student in the academy. In 1838 she came to Michigan with an aunt, Mrs. Harriet Disbrow, and located in Flint, on the Saginaw River. There were at that time only a half-dozen buildings on Saginaw Street. They came by steamer to Detroit and by horse to Pontiac, and thence by stage to Flint. There were many of the Chippewa Indians still camped about the place and of those old Mabin was chief, and so frequent was their dealing with the Indians that Mrs. Bickford learned a little of the language, which enabled her to be understood. It was not unusual to see deer and wolves in the streets.

Mrs. Bickford has proved herself to be a capable business woman, for since her husband's death she has carried on every branch of his business. She owns two farms in Burton Township, Genesee County, aggregating two hundred and thirty acres. They bear excellent buildings and are well stocked. She now rents the places on shares. Her residence is at No. 633 Kearsley Street. She is one of the oldest settlers of the city. She has been the mother of five children, whose names are Julia, Mrs. Nathan Cash, who is deceased; Addison, who died at the age of sixteen years; Frank, who died at the age of twenty-nine and whose two sons, Harry and Arthur, live with Mrs. Bickford; Ella, Mrs. Gedley, who died in Flint; and Mary, who died at the age of eighteen months. Mrs. Bickford is an ardent member of the Presbyterian Church.

ABNER C. JOHNSON, who is well known among lawyers and is recognized as a man of great legal ability, settled in this county in Mundy Township, Genesee County in 1839. He was born in Montgomery County, N.Y., at Canajoharie, August 2, 1821.

The father, Thomas Johnson, was a hatter by trade, who came to Michigan in 1828 with his family. He was the son of Capt. John Johnson, who was one of the Revolutionary heroes and of English descent. Buying Government land, this pioneer set up housekeeping in a log house, and with the aid of his children began felling the trees and improving the land. In 1836 he located

in Independence Township, Oakland County, where for thirty-five years he was Justice of the Peace, and was known far and wide as Esquire Johnson.

The father of our subject had brought with him on coming West some $500, with which he had designed to pay for his land, but he unfortunately had endorsed for a friend in the East to the amount of $500, and upon this friend failing he was called upon to make good the loss, which seriously crippled him for years, but he overcame all his difficulties, and when he died in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight, years he was a man of wealth. He was a true-blue Republican ever after leaving the Whig party, to which he first belonged, and an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church to which his wife, Charlotte, also belonged. Her father was a captain in the Revolutionary War and a large landed proprietor, owning some one thousand acres. She died in Oakland County, having been the mother of the following children: Timothy, Abner C., Jane and David (deceased), Ransom, Maria and Permelia.

After spending his boyhood in Montgomery County, our subject at the age of eight, removed to Bloomfield—subsequently to Independence, Mich., but after a while removed to New York, and attended school at Green, Chenango County, for a year. In his youth he was known far and wide as an athlete, and could out run and out jump any contestant, even an Indian. In 1839 he came to Genesee County and brought land in Mundy Township. Here he put up a log shanty which he occupied at once, and which seemed to him a paradise of a home under the shade of the beautiful trees. It was built of beach and maple logs with black walnut planks for flooring, and a blanket hung in the doorway. His first crop of buckwheat was the largest ever grown in the township. He had great success in hunting, killing hundreds of deer. He once shot a big stag in a cedar swamp, and has often brought down as many as seven full-grown deer in a day.

Mr. Johnson began his law studies when only a boy with George W. Wisner, brother of ex-Gov. Wisner, and after the death of this gentleman, the Governor and our subject began to do business together, and have purchased hundreds of thousands of acres. He has one hundred and sixty-five acres on the home farm, and one hundred and eighty in Grand Blanc Township, and with his son R. C. Johnson, he owns eighty acres in Gaines Township, besides land in other parts of the State. Since 1864 he has carried on the real-estate business and the practice of law in Flint, and for years has been Notary Public and Supervisor.

Mundy Township was the scene of the marriage of our subject in September 27, 1845, with Amanda Pearsall, a New Yorker by birth, daughter of Joseph and Sally (Mowry) Pearsall. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812. Their three children are: Charles H., and Ransom C., who are lawyers in Flint, and James D., who carries on his father's farm in Grand Blanc, besides owning farms in Grand Blanc, Mundy and Fenton Townships. Several social orders claim this gentleman as one of their members, and he is active in politics. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Malta. In early times he belonged to the party of Know Nothings, and is now a stanch and earnest Republican. He is also a worker in the County Agricultural Society, and his good wife is useful in her connection with the Episcopal Church, of which she has long been a member.

DANIEL BROWN. This public-spirited and enterprising farmer of Gaines Township, Genesee County, has a fine farm located on section 7, which shows every mark of thrift and enterprise. The buildings are first-class, and the fences and fields are marked by order and good management. He was born in Macedon, Wayne County, N. Y., August 1, 1829, and was there reared to the age of sixteen, when he came to Oakland County, Mich., and lived in the township of Lyons for five years. Subsequently he removed to Barry County, this State which was his home for two years, and he then came to Gaines Township, this county. He has

always been engaged in farming pursuits with the exception of five years, when he lived in Vernon, Shiawassee County, and there carried on the sale of agricultural implements.

In April, 1889, Mr. Brown returned to Gaines Township and resumed farming. He has two hundred acres of excellent and well-drained land which yield him fine crops, and the buildings to be seen on this estate have been placed here by this gentleman.

The marriage of Daniel Brown with Sarah E. Gage took place in Rose Township, Oakland County, Mich., March 1, 1850. She is a native of Wayne County, N. Y., and is the happy mother of five children, namely: William M., Harriet E. (Mrs. Edgar J. Post), Carrie, Minda, and Fred (who married Jessie Ackley). The office of Justice of the Peace has been filled by Mr. Brown for twenty-three years in this township and in Vernon Township, Shiawassee County, he was Justice for four years. He was also Highway Commissioner for eight years and has ever taken an active part in politics, being a stanch Republican. Religious matters have in him an earnest helper and he and his excellent wife are active and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which he has filled the offices of Steward and Class-leader. He is also a member of the Grange, being deeply interested in all movements which promise advance either socially or industrially for the farming community.

JOHN W. BLAKE, M. S. The long distances that produce is now sent, entailing journeys of thousands of miles through varying temperatures, has necessitated what to our ancestors would have seemed a most unfeasible scheme, but which is now commonly enough known as cold storage, and which is used by every large wholesale produce dealer. Our subject, who does a very large business as a wholesale produce dealer in Flint, has the best cold storage house in the place. He has been very successful in his business, which is not surprising, as he has every convenience to work with.

Mr. Blake was born October 28, 1847, eighteen miles south of Rochester, N. Y., and one mile north of Honeoye Falls. He is a son of Anthony and Mary (Phillip) Blake. His father was a native of Germany, his grandfather Blake having come from the Fatherland with his family, and they located at Dunkirk, N. Y. Anthony Blake was but eleven years of age when brought to America and he soon became a thorough American citizen. He engaged in farming in Monroe County and in 1852 located in Kendall, Orleans County, N. Y., on what is now one of the best farms in the county. He also owns a farm in Morgan County, that State. Our subject's mother who was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., died in 1882, at the age of seventy years. She was the mother of eight children, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth.

Mr. Blake was reared on the home farm in Orleans County and received a good common-school education. When seventeen years of age he entered the Brockport Normal School and was there one year, then went to Genesee College at Lima and was in attendance there for two years, when the college was removed to Syracuse and became the Syracuse University. Our subject graduated in 1872 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After finishing his course he was engaged in teaching in Orleans County for eight years and prior to that taught for one year. He was Principal of three different schools.

The degree of Master of Science was conferred upon Mr. Blake from his Alma Mater in 1876. In May, 1879, he came to Flint and started in the grocery business on South Saginaw Street, continuing as a retail grocer for five years, but during the time he was gradually drifting into his present line and about 1884 dropped the grocery business and gave himself exclusively to dealing in produce. In 1884, he built his fine brick block, which has a frontage of sixty-six feet, extends back one block, and is conveniently located on the sidetracks of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad. The block is a two-story building with basement and is the finest cold storage establishment in the city. He handles all lines of produce in their season, making a specialty of butter and eggs, and handling from ten thousand dozens of

eggs, and from three to five thousand pounds of butter per week. He ships East by the car load and averages two cars a week, exporting more largely than any other firm in this locality.

Mr. Blake was married in this city February 15, 1881, to Miss Ella Stowe, a native of Flint. She is a daughter of Joseph Stowe, an old settler here, who was born in England. Mr. and Mrs. Blake are the parents of three children—Herbert S., Elmer S., and Mabel E. Socially Mr. Blake is a member of the Fraternal Order of Home Protectors and in politics he is a Republican. In connection with this sketch appears a lithographic portrait of Mr. Blake.

BYRON S. JENNINGS. It is with pleasure that we incorporate in this Record a brief account of the life of this respected citizen of Genesee County. He has borne a worthy part in the agricultural work of Vienna Township, and in that of social and political circles, and to every position has brought the industry and enterprise, which are his chief characteristics. As a farmer he uses excellent judgment in the preparation of the soil for crops, in the character of the produce raised, and a corresponding harvest is reaped. His estate is pleasantly located on sections 11 and 14, and although it contains only forty-five acres, is made to produce larger crops than many a farm of larger acreage.

A native of this county, Mr. Jennings was born July 10, 1855, in the township of Genesee, and having always been a resident here, has been closely identified with its later growth. His father, William C., was a native of Wales, who, upon immigrating to the United States, settled first in Ohio, and later came to Michigan in a very early day. He is numbered among the pioneers of Genesee Township, where he bought a tract of land and prepared it for cultivation. Much of his time has been devoted to his trade—that of a carpenter and joiner—but at present (1891) he resides upon a farm. In public affairs he has always maintained great interest, and his fellow-citizens have recognized his ability by calling him to fill various positions of trust, among them Justice of the Peace and Highway Commissioner.

After working out by the month for some time during his boyhood, Byron Jennings had saved enough money to enable him to attend the High School at Flint. He prepared himself for teaching, which he commenced at the age of twenty. He is a teacher of thirteen years' experience, having taught five years in Pine Run. In that profession he was very successful, and was considered one of the best instructors in the county. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven, at which time he was married December 25, 1882, to Miss Clara E., the daughter of James and Sarah (Finley) Young, of Pine Run Township. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and worthy people. After the death of Mr. Young, which occurred May 19, 1891, his widow was appointed Postmistress of Pine Run, and is now filling that position with success.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings—Mabel V., born June 4, 1884, and Lillian, April 17, 1886. Mrs. Jennings was prior to her marriage a successful teacher. She was a graduate of the High School of Flint, and taught four years in the School for the Blind at Flint, and one year at Lansing, after the school was removed to that city. After his marriage Mr. Jennings came to the farm which is his present home. In the fall of 1888 he was elected County Sheriff on the Republican ticket by a majority of thirteen hundred and ninety, and after his election moved to Flint. His record as a sheriff is an excellent one, he having captured every criminal that it was material to apprehend.

Under the old law Mr. Jennings was Superintendent of schools in Genesee Township, and later served as School Inspector of that township. In the spring of 1884 he was chosen School Inspector and the following year was elected Supervisor of Vienna Township, which position he held until he was elected County Sheriff. At the close of his term of office as Sheriff he was again made Supervisor by a popular vote, and is at present honored by that office. Since he was two years old he has been a public official, and

has always voted the straight Republican ticket. As a representative of the people in the various positions he has held it has ever been his desire to advance their interests and promote their welfare; hence his success. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, where he has attained to the highest degree, also of the Masonic fraternity and the Knights of the Maccabees.

HON. CHARLES A. MASON. A cursory view of the business streets of any town, whether large or small, will impress the observer regarding the business ability of the various dealers. The very appearance of a store will give an indication of whether or not the establishment is in a thriving condition, and it necessarily follows that the degree of judgment that has been shown by the proprietor and his good taste in selecting his stock is made manifest. In Flint one of the most thriving establishments is that of Mr. Mason, who is a dealer in general produce and a commission merchant. Having come to this city in 1848 and residing here continuously since, he has become thoroughly identified with its progress and has contributed his quota to its development.

The son of Jared and Lydia M. (Hurlburt) Mason, our subject was born May 22, 1839, in New Hartford, N. Y., of which place the father was one of the merchants. Charles A. was less than ten years old when he accompanied his parents to Michigan, the father engaging in this city in the hotel business, and he was for many years foreman in the old Capron factories at New Hartford. After coming to Flint he also engaged in keeping an hotel known first as the River House and later as the Genesee House, which was located on the corner of the First Ward Park. Afterward he built the Carlton on the present site of the Bryant. Mr. Mason was landlord of the Scoville House, which was burned down. Later he resided in Fenton, this county, one year, and next engaged in farming in Burton and Atlas Townships. After selling his estate he removed to Flint, where his death occurred.

In this city our subject received his education, and in his early manhood he engaged in the drug business, being with Messrs. Turris & Witherby afterward Petty, then with Mr. Wetson and Giles Bishop for ten years. In 1868 he purchased Witherby's store opposite the Bryant House and remained there from 1868 until 1890, making his experience in the drug business cover a period of almost twenty-three years. He made a financial success of his chosen calling, but while devoting himself closely to his business, he yet found time for dealings in real estate. He erected a beautiful residence on the corner of Third and Lyon Streets, where he has made his home for the past sixteen years.

Mr. Mason has served in the highest position to which his fellow-citizens have the power to elect him—that of Mayor, in which he energetically favored any measures for the public good. He also served in the capacity of Alderman for eight years, has been on the School Board for the past six years, and filled other positions of honor and trust. Politically he votes the Democratic ticket. In his present business as a dealer in hides, wools, etc., and as a general commission merchant, he is successful, and carries on an extensive business. Socially he is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and with his excellent family, stands high in the estimation of the community. His wife bore the maiden name of Lucinda Smith, and is the daughter of David and Lucinda Smith, of Fenton. They have two children—Edna L. and Luella, both of whom are graduates of the Flint City High School and young ladies of many accomplishments and much culture.

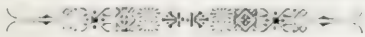
GUY C. KENNEDY is a dealer in lumber, lath and shingles, who carries on business and resides in Flushing. He is a native of Saginaw, this State, and was born February 27, 1871. He is a son of James and Jenny (Drulard) Kennedy, natives of New York and Michigan respectively, who were married in St. Clair. Our subject's father is located now in Saginaw where

he has large lumber interests. His father was John Kennedy, a native of Scotland, who came to Michigan and settled in St. Clair. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade and highly respected for his many superior qualities. He was the incumbent of several offices in St. Clair and the owner of a fine farm. He raised a large family. On the maternal side our subject's grandparents were Henry and Hannah (Griggs) Drulard, natives of Canada, who settled in St. Clair. He is a large lumber dealer and one of the wealthy men of the place. Two children are all that remain of the family of which he is father. They are Jenny, now Mrs. James Kennedy and James of St. Clair. They are descended from Scotch and French Stock.

Our subject's father enlisted in the Twenty-Second Regiment, Company E, Michigan Infantry, in April, 1862, and was appointed First Lieutenant. He served for over three years and received a wound in the leg, at the battle of Chickamauga, September 19 and 20, 1862. He was at that time taken prisoner and held for seven months, at the end of which time he was exchanged. He was the color-bearer of this regiment and also held the office of Sergeant. He was a Republican in politics and socially is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a Mason. He has a family of four children, whose names are as follows: John H., who is a lumber man in Wisconsin; Pauline, now Mrs. K. K. Kimmell of Saginaw; Guy C. and William F.

The original of this sketch received his education in the public and private schools of Saginaw. His first venture in a business way was as Collector of the Saginaw *Courier-Journal*, with which he remained for one year. He was then a clerk for Moeler & Deland, druggists, serving them for six months. He then launched into the lumber business at Saginaw, in partnership with his father.

Our subject came to Flushing October 10, 1888, to accept a position with the firm of Wright & Ketchum, and in April, 1891, he purchased the land, buildings and lumber of said firm and has since run the business. This is the only lumber yard at Flushing and Mr. Kennedy has been doing an extensive business. Personally he is genial and is popular with all classes of people, which is no small consideration in his business success. In politics he is a Republican and socially he belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.



SUMNER H. PIERSON. The present Justice of the Peace in Atlas Township, Genesee County, and one who is also a prominent and interested citizen in all that pertains thereto, is he whose name appears above. He is a native of this locality, having been born in Atlas Township, May 20, 1856. He is a son of Deloss D. and Philena (Douglas) Pierson, both of whom were natives of New York. Deloss D. Pierson came with his family to Genesee County some time in the '50s, and remained a resident of Atlas Township until the spring of 1891, when he removed to Flint, where he is now a resident. While a citizen of this district he ever took a prominent part in its local government.

Our subject's father served as Commissioner of Drainage in Atlas Township. He is now over sixty years of age and the father of three children, of whom our subject is the eldest. Following him are Herbert and William S. He is a Republican in politics and favors all progressive movements. In their religious predilection, he and his wife are Baptists. Our subject has been identified with the interests of the locality in which he lived throughout his life. He was educated in the district school of Atlas Township and for some two years attended the Flint High School. In 1879 he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a course at the Eastman Business College.

After our subject had graduated he was engaged in teaching district school for some fifteen winters and spent the remainder of his time in farming. He was married December 27, 1880 to Miss Eva Browne, who was born in this State and is a daughter of Henry W. Browne, formerly of Goodrich but now deceased. By this union there have been two children—Ephraim J., who was born October 16, 1882 and Bessie, who was born October 1, 1886. Our subject is the owner of one hundred and sixty-four acres of land. He has

been fairly successful in life and has a pleasant and comfortable home.

In the spring of 1882 Mr. Pierson was elected Justice of the Peace and has served up to date. He and his wife are united in their church preference with the Free Baptists. Socially they are active members and great additions to the life of the locality. Our subject is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a gentleman of unusual education and culture to be found outside of professional life; he has also excellent business qualifications, as the success which has thus far attended all his business dealings goes to show.

GEORGE NILES, a farmer of Burlington Township, Lapeer County, was born in London, Canada, November 6, 1833, and is the eldest of three brothers and one sister who is now the wife of Charles Wing, of Lapeer. These brothers and sister are the children of Benjamin and Lurena (Perkins) Niles. The father was born in Maine about the year 1790, and was one of a large family of brothers and sisters. Our subject came to Michigan with his parents at the age of six years and they located in Marathon Township, this county, where they lived for nine years and afterward located in what is now called Mayfield.

Our subject grew to maturity and married Matilda Grossbeck, by whom he had six children, five of whom are still living: Lorena, wife of C. Cummings; Flora, Mrs. Edward Southerland, of Oregon; George, who resides at home; Robert B., a resident of Oregon; and Amanda M., now Mrs. Charles Mitchell.

At the beginning of the Civil War the sympathies of Mr. Niles were with the Government and the old flag, and it was ever a vital question with him whether he should not help in its defense. He finally enlisted in August, 1862, in Company K, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and being assigned to the Army of the West he took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Buzzards' Roost, Atlanta, Dalton, Big Shanty and many others of minor importance. He served until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge in 1865, at Nashville, Tenn., and then came directly home with the assurance that he had been faithful in the discharge of his patriotic duty.

In February, 1866, Mr. Niles removed to his present home on eighty acres of land situated on section 33, Burlington Township, which was at that time a dense wilderness but to-day is all cleared and constitutes a beautiful farm, having upon it good substantial buildings. The wife of his youth was called from his side by death in March, 1877, and in 1879 Mr. Niles was united in marriage with Mrs. Phœbe Allen, widow of Calvin Allen, and daughter of Caleb Purdy. One son has blessed this union and he bears the name of Leonard.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Niles are active and useful members of the Free Will Baptist Church, in which they find a broad field for usefulness. In his social associations with the men of his township he has identified himself with the Masonic fraternity, and in his political views he is a stanch Republican.

BENJAMIN KIRBY, dealer in agricultural implements and general farming machinery at Clifford, Lapeer County, is a native of Cambridgeshire, England. He was born in 1852, at a place called Ellsworth, and remained there until 1869, at which time he decided to emigrate to America, and came alone to Dorchester, Canada, where for three years he worked at such occupation as he could find and then went to Ingersoll, Canada, where he learned the trade of a blacksmith, remaining there until 1883, when he visited the States and located in Burlington Township, Lapeer County, establishing himself as a farmer.

After following this line of work for a few years Mr. Kirby removed from the farm to the village of Clifford and there took up his present business of which he is making a success, as he is active and enterprising and has a keen eye open to the necessities of the people and good judgment in regard to supplying them.

Mr. Kirby was married in Ingersoll, Canada, in 1874. This union was of short duration as the wife was called from earth October 15, 1876. The second marriage of our subject brought to his home a worthy helpmate in the person of Mrs. Betsey Spring, who was the widow of Isaac Spring. By her previous marriage she had one son, and one daughter has been born to her and her present husband. This child bears the name of Theresa P.

Our subject is the son of William and Theresa (Cooper) Kirby, both natives of England and members of old representative families. He has one brother who makes his home in Philadelphia and two who live in Lapeer County. Mr. Kirby is a Republican in his political views but is not an active partisan. Since his coming to the county he has been one of the truly representative men, ever interested in the welfare of the community and ready to forward its higher interests by every means in his power.

JOHN R. FARQUHARSON. This true-hearted and intelligent Scotchman who has made his home in Montrose Township, Genesee County, left his native land in June, 1837, and landed in New York, from which port he at once proceeded West and arrived in Saginaw County, this State, about the first of September, the same year. His voyage across the Atlantic was taken in a two-masted brig, being two months and two days on the way from Dundee to New York. He was then but fourteen years old and he was accompanied by three sisters, as his mother had died in Scotland and his father, John Farquharson, had come to this country with his son, James, some seven years previous and in Montrose Township spent the remainder of his life.

When our subject reached Michigan he made his home with his father in Saginaw County for some eight years and then came to Montrose Township which was then known as Vienna Township, and here he has made his home since 1845. He was born in Farfarshire, Scotland, in June, 1822, and throughout life has devoted himself to agriculture. His fine landed property comprises between three and four hundred acres in Genesee and Saginaw Counties and upon his farm he has erected excellent buildings and made extensive improvements and now has more than half of his land under cultivation.

Mr. Farquharson was married in Saginaw County to Eliza Hough, a native of England and she was taken from her happy home by death in March, 1880, leaving to her husband a legacy of seven children, viz.: Jane, who died in 1880, at the age of twenty-four; Jessie, is now the wife of George McKenzie; Katie died at the age of twenty-three; Eliza, John, James and one who died in infancy. The father and mother of this family were members of the Presbyterian Church and for many years he has acted as Elder in that religious body. To his children he has given excellent opportunities for an education and he is training them to lives of Christian usefulness.

Our subject has for nine successive years been the Clerk of Montrose Township, and for a period of time has been School Assessor. In his political views he finds himself in sympathy with the Democratic party. His beautiful home and barns at once attract the eye of every passerby and win his admiration, for they show undoubted marks of a prudent and thrifty farmer and a generous provider.

SELAS E. CURTIS, one of the native sons of Mundy Township, Genesee County, where he was born July 9, 1839, here grew to manhood and has ever made it his home. He early undertook the work of a farmer's boy and has followed agricultural pursuits through life, and in this work has been thorough and practical making a success of whatever he has undertaken.

Mr. Curtis was married in Grand Blanc Township, this county, September 20, 1870, his bride being Miss Emma Countryman, who was born in Oakland County, this State, and who is the mother of nine children, namely: Lillie M., Emma J. (Mrs. John Caquigne) Mary M., Charles W., Amy, Flor-

ence A., Fern, Sophia and Cash N. Mrs. Emma Curtis died in Mundy Township, February 24, 1891. Her beautiful Christian character made her beloved not only by her family and friends but by all who came in contact with her. She was an earnest and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and an efficient worker in every good cause. Her abilities and willingness making her foremost in many movements for the good of the community.

In political matters Mr. Curtis has taken a lively interest although he cannot in any sense be called a politician or office seeker, but he feels it the duty of every citizen to make himself familiar with the duties of good Government, and to cast his vote intelligently. The principles and politics which his judgment approves are those which are endorsed by the Democratic party and he casts his vote with that body. His religious convictions led him to make himself a member of the Presbyterian Church and in its work he is active and efficient. Upon his farm he has erected excellent buildings which accommodate well his farming operations and his live-stock and his home is one of comfort and convenience. His one hundred broad and fertile acres are all improved, thoroughly cultivated and very productive and they bear the marks of good management. Our readers will find further detail in regard to the family history in the sketch of a brother of our subject, Lyman T. Curtis.

C. L. BARTLETT. A prominent position, among the business men of Flint is held by this gentleman, who is engaged in the grocery and drug business, and is widely known as one of the most enterprising merchants of Flint. A man of ambition and energy, his sterling qualities and integrity make him popular wherever he is known, while the success which he has already attained, so early in life, proves his capability as a financier. He was born November 3, 1852, in Chautauqua County, N. Y., and is the son of John Bartlett, a native of Rutland County, Vt. Grandfather Bartlett, a man of industrious habits and unremitting activity, held a prominent position among the citizens of Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he settled at an early day, and where also he died at a ripe old age.

Agricultural pursuits engaged the attention of John Bartlett, who accompanied his father in his removal to Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he owned a large farm at Pomfret. He lived to be three-score and one year of age, and then passed from earth mourned by a large circle of acquaintances, and especially by his children, to whom he had left a legacy more precious than gold that of an honorable and stainless name. He was prominent in Masonic circles and also in the Democratic party. He married Julia D. Sullivan, a native of New York State. She at present resides in Pomfret, N. Y. at the age of seventy-seven years.

There were nine children in the family to which our subject belonged, and among so large a circle he could obtain few advantages in the way of an education. He was reared to farming pursuits and attended school in the district where he resided. At the age of eighteen he entered the State Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y. and there he was graduated in 1873, after studying for three years in the institution. Immediately after completing his education he came to Flint, where he entered the employ of F. W. Judd, a merchant in this city. Later he was clerk in the establishment of Forbes & Young, druggists, for three and one-half years, then for two years with Charles Ripley, dealer in boots and shoes. Next we find him again with Forbes & Young, whom he bought out in 1879, and has since been engaged in business under the name of C. L. Bartlett & Company. His establishment is conveniently located at No. 324 Saginaw Street, and here he does a large business, having a fine stock of groceries, drugs, paints and oils, glassware, crockery, provisions, etc. He is a regular pharmacist and a member of the State Pharmacy Society.

In 1879 Mr. Bartlett was married in Flint, to Miss Alforette D. Goyer, a native of Flushing, this state. Two children have been born of this congenial union, Grace G. and an infant unnamed. Socially Mr. Bartlett is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workman and in his politics he is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Democratic

party. A man of fine attainments and more than ordinary ability, he gives his hearty support to any measure that will benefit the people socially, morally and financially. The cause of education finds in him a firm friend, and as he keeps himself well informed on all topics of current interest, he is a pleasant conversationalist and an agreeable companion.

FRANCIS H. JAQUES. This native of Canada who was born in Oxford County, January 27, 1848, is now living in Genesee Township, Genesee County. His father, John Jaques, is a native of New Brunswick and came to Oxford County, Canada when young and there pursued the calling of a farmer dying at the age of sixty-four. His wife, Mary Bailey, was born in England and came to Canada when a little girl and is now living at Oxford having completed eighty-one years. They were the parents of two daughters and three sons.

When sixteen years old our subject left his native home and came to Oakland County, Mich., where for four years he worked by the month on a farm and then rented a farm for seven years, after which he came to Genesee County, and bought the property where he now resides. He was married in April, 1872 to Elsie Howard, who was born in Wyoming County, N. Y. and to them were granted one daughter and two sons. Frank A. was born September 25, 1873; Arthur D., November 18, 1874 and died March 28, 1890, and May Rose was born May 6, 1882.

Mr. Jaques has a farm of four hundred and twenty-six acres and most of it is now finely cultivated. Here he carries on farming and stock-raising and has two large barns, one measuring 40x108 feet on his home farm, and on section 30 of Richfield Township, this county, he has a large grain and hay barn, 32x70 feet and another 36x50 feet and a sheep shed 26x70 feet besides a horse barn. He has also a farm on section 36, Genesee Township, where he has seven large barns and three dwelling houses and these farms all touch one another, thus forming one extensive tract of two hundred and sixty-six acres in Genesee Township and one hundred and fifty-six acres in Richfield Township. He keeps three hundred and fifty head of sheep and eighteen cows from which he takes the milk to the factory, receiving cheese in return.

In regard to political matter Mr. Jaques votes for principle and not the party, and always prefers to use his own judgment in deeding on the merits of the candidate rather than to trust to the dictum of the party leaders. He has been on the town Board of Review and is a member of Litchfield Union Church, of which he is the Treasurer. He was one of the leaders in the scheme of purchasing a new organ for the church, a matter which has given great satisfaction to the people.

THOMAS COX. This intelligent and public-spirited citizen of Mundy Township, Genesee County, has his fine farm on section 33. His parents were Robert and Mary (Sopp) Cox, and both of them were born in Cambridgeshire, England, and came hither from their native home in 1862. Upon first reaching this country they came West to Michigan and at first located in Washtenaw County, where they lived for some two years, and then came to Genesee County and settled on section 33, Mundy Township, which proved to be their last home on earth.

Of the thirteen children in this family our subject is the third in order of age. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, December 17, 1841, and was there reared upon a farm and continued to live in his native home until the spring of 1861, when he came to America and settled in Washtenaw County. For several years he remained there and was employed in farm labor, but in 1878 he came to Genesee County, and for four years lived with James Cole, and in the spring of 1883 settled upon the farm where he now lives. Here he cultivates eighty acres and his farm boasts one of the best and largest barns in the township. He is a man who is deeply interested in all matters of pub-

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lic concern and is truly active in helping forward every movement which his judgment approves, as being calculated to promote the welfare of the community.

The marriage of our subject occurred in Linden, this county, March 13, 1883, and he then took to wife Anna Kimole, who was born in Fenton Township, this county, January 18, 1853. She is the daughter of Solomon and Martha (Martin) Kimble, and a lady of intelligence and ability. Her reputation as a home-maker and housekeeper is a superior one, and her character as a friend and neighbor is such as to win her the affection and esteem of those with whom she is brought into social relations. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox have been been born two children—Elmer and Ethel, and in the care and culture of these little ones the parents are most deeply interested, and to their interests are profoundly devoted.

CHARLES M. BOUTTELL. Among the citizens of Genesee County, who have arisen from small beginnings to an eminent position in the estimation of their neighbors, is the gentleman whose name initiates this biography. To be a self-made man means something. It means that a man who has earned the honor of being so called has passed through many hardships and has seen the dark clouds of adversity, but by perseverance and patience has emerged into the sunlight of prosperity. Mr. Bouttell has become known as one of the most prominent farmers of Thetford Township, Genesee County, and having retired from the more active duties connected with agricultural pursuits, enjoys the comforts which he has gained by a life time of earnest effort.

In Otsego County, N. Y., Mr. Bouttell was born November 8, 1809, and is the son of Osias and Laura (Dunnick) Bouttell, both natives of the Empire State. Our subject belongs to a family noted for longevity, his maternal grandfather living to the ripe old age of one hundred and eight years and other relatives also attaining to nearly a hundred years. Charles M., the subject of this biographical notice, was reared in New York State and from childhood was thrown upon his own resources. His opportunity for education was therefore but meager, although by study and reading he has become quite well informed. Prior to coming to this State he was engaged in boating on Erie Canal for nine years, but not feeling satisfied with this manner of living he decided to seek a home in the far West, as Michigan was then considered.

In 1836 the appearance of Michigan was very different from its present aspect. Indians and wild animals roamed at will through the forests and across the broad prairies, where are now fine estates and large cities teeming with commerce. When Mr. Bouttell made his way hither with a team in the year above-mentioned he saw no prospect of the present prosperity, except what might be predicted from the fertile soil and genial climate. He drove at once to the place where he now lives and there pre-empted a large tract of land from the Government. He also entered some land in Shiawassee County, and became busily engaged in clearing and cultivating the place. The land was covered with a wild forest growth, which he had first to remove; this he did himself, and such was his enterprise that during one summer he logged thirty acres himself.

The nearest market was the village of Flint and there Mr. Bouttell would haul his wheat, trading five bushels of wheat for a barrel of flour and selling the flour for twenty shillings. Not only did he clear the farm where he now resides, but all the land in that locality and he also opened a road east of his place for one-half mile. As prosperity began to crown his efforts, he felt prepared to establish home ties of his own and accordingly when he was twenty-eight years old, in 1837, he was married to Harriet N. Pain, who died, leaving two children, named respectively Emily F., and Elinor A. Afterward, on January 1, 1851, Mr. Bouttell was united in marriage with Miss Jane Nixon, the daughter of Allen and Electa Nixon.

Mrs. Bouttell is a native of New York, but has spent the greater portion of her life in this State. She has been of great assistance to her husband in

all his work and he owes his success in no small measure to her cooperation. Their marriage resulted in the birth of twelve children, who are now occupying responsible positions in life and are highly respected in the various localities where they reside. Not only did they receive careful home training but when they were ready to start out for themselves their father gave to each one forty acres of the old homestead. He still retains in his own possession a neat estate, which is devoted to the raising of grain and stock. In social and business circles he occupies an enviable position and is one of those men whose word is considered as good as their bond.

In connection with this sketch the reader will notice lithographic portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Bonttell.

HENRY PARSELL, one of the oldest settlers in Genesee County, and who may be called the oldest business man in Flint, as he was in business for some forty-five years, has now retired from active life. He was born in Clarence, Erie County, N. Y., March 20, 1812, and is a son of Robert Parsell and a grandson of Robert Sr., both New Yorkers by birth. Our subject remained in his native home until he was sixteen years old and he remembers seeing about the year 1818, the only house that stood in Buffalo, after that city was destroyed by fire in 1812, his father pointing it out to him. The father gained his title of Major in the War of 1812, as he was a Fife Major and a fine performer upon that instrument. His fife was one which he had plowed up from the ground and must have been lost there during the Revolutionary War. The family is of Dutch descent, and the mother, Olive Geer, was a native of Herkimer County and the mother of six sons, of whom our subject is the only survivor.

Two months a year was about all the schooling that Henry Parsell received in his boyhood, and at the age of sixteen he went to Lockport and for five years served an apprenticeship to the harness-maker's trade and afterward served as a journeyman in various cities. In 1837 he enlisted in the Patriot War and served under Gen. Winfield Scott, for which he received a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land which he sold for $160 in gold.

In 1840 our subject came to Michigan and located in Flushing, this county, on a farm of one hundred acres and began housekeeping in a shanty. This property he sold in 1846 and located in Flint. Here he purchased a store and a house and manufactured the first harness and the first saddles that were made in Flint. He enlarged his business and at one time had ten men in his establishment. The first handsome store building built by Mr. Parsell was destroyed by fire, as was also the second which burned in 1862 at a great loss. To this was added the loss by fire of a mill which he had bought at Dryden and in all he lost about $17,000 in these disasters. Throughout the time that he was active in business he was considered the best harness-maker in the State, and he now owns various handsome pieces of property in Flint and has dealt much in real estate. He has also been largely interested in mines in Colorado, and has a valuable property near Ouray, Col. In 1886 he closed out and sold his property, retiring from active life on account of ill-health.

Mr. Parsell was married in Erie County, N. Y., in 1836, to Miss Mary Mead, a native of Cayuga County, who became the mother of nine children. The two eldest have died, namely: Loretta, and Adelbert, who was for ten years Deputy Sheriff of this county and acted as Sheriff in Colorado for seven years previous to his death in October 1888. He had served his country for some three years in the First Michigan Regiment of Engineers and Mechanics. His death interrupted a brilliant career in Colorado where he was rapidly becoming one of the foremost men in the State.

The children next in age are: Arlone, who is now Mrs. Lee, of Detroit; Clarence H.; Isabella, deceased; Homer, who enlisted as a drummer boy at the age of fourteen, in the Twenty-third Michigan Infantry in 1862 and served until the close of the war; Florence, now the wife of Mr. A. Edwards, of Detroit; Viola, Mrs. H. Lamb, of Imlay

City and Nellie, who died young. The family is connected with the Episcopal Church which Mr. Parsell helped materially to build and he is a prominent Democrat, being a frequent delegate to county and State conventions.

MRS. ELIZA (APPLEGATE) CARPENTER, the widow of Joseph Carpenter, was born in Trenton, N. J., in 1823. She is a daughter of James and Charlotte (Carson) Applegate, natives of Sussex County, N. J., where they made their home throughout life. He was a thorough and capable farmer, a Democrat in his political affiliations, and with his wife a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The brothers and sisters of our subject are: Robert, Rachel, Deliah, William, Mary and Enoch.

The early education of Mrs. Carpenter was taken at Trenton, N. J., and at the age of twenty-five years she became the wife of Joseph Carpenter, who was born in 1823, in Warren County, N. J. His parents, Joseph and Christian (Sharps) Carpenter, were natives of New Jersey, and the father was a farmer by occupation. His political views brought him into alliance with the Democratic party and his religious convictions made him a Methodist. Their children were as follows: Joseph, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary M., Henry, Rhoda, Christian, Stiles, Robert and Willie.

Joseph Carpenter received his education in Warren County, N. J., and was early employed upon the home farm, but left home at the age of seventeen and learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which he followed until he came West in 1849 and settled in Pontiac, Oakland County, Mich., where he followed his trade for thirteen years. He then came to this farm where his widow now resides and purchased one hundred and sixty acres. Upon this he made good improvements and placed substantial buildings, carrying on general farming in a systematic and thorough manner.

The husband of our subject was killed on a railroad bridge on his own farm on the 7th day of January, 1891. He was going down to the woods where his men were chopping to give them orders, and being very deaf he did not hear the train approaching. As he stood on the bridge he happened to turn around when it was very near him. He saw that he could not reach the end of the bridge and stepped to one side, but the train struck him and he was injured so severely that he lived but one hour. His loss was deeply felt in the community.

The five children of this couple are Stiles A., Mary M., Annie, Hattie and Sarah E. The oldest son married Nellie Harper and has one daughter, Emma. Mary, who married Mr. Jones is deceased; Annie is Mrs. Lyons and has one child, Charles J.; Hattie, who became Mrs. Wormley has five children: Floy, Erna, Maud, Joseph and Fred. Sarah E. resides at home with her mother.

When Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter first came to this country this region was a dense and unbroken forest and deer and wild turkeys were all about their door. They were then fully half a mile from any neighbor and there was no church nearer than Flushing. Notwithstanding the hardships of the pioneer times, Mrs. Carpenter says that they were very happy in making their home comfortable and enjoying together the experiences which came to them. She loved her work and in the companionship of her husband and children felt that a wilderness was not dreary. She is a notable housekeeper and is considered one of the foremost matrons in this part of the country. Her character and influence make her a woman of mark and she is universally respected.

JUDGE HENRY R. LOVELL. Our subject is the present Judge of Probate of Genesee County, and has held this position since January, 1885. He was born in Sharon, Conn., May 30, 1834. He is a son of John B. and Catherine M. (Gold) Lovell. His grandfather, Joshua Lovell, was a native of Connecticut. Our subject's maternal grandsire served in the Revolutionary War. He was a member of the Connecticut Legislature for twenty years. Judge Lovell's

mother died in Flint while an inmate of her son's home; her decease occurred in June, 1884, when aged eighty-four years. She was the mother of twelve children, of whom our subject was one of the youngest.

The original of our sketch was reared on the home farm. He early had the advantages of good schools, and in 1852 he went to Manchester, Vt., and entered the academy in order to prepare for college, which he did in 1853, entering the Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1857 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He began teaching at Troy (Vt.,) Conference Academy, then was Principal for a while at the Whitehall (N. Y.,) Academy, and was Principal for two years at the Seneca Collegiate Institute, and while there was honored by the degree of Master of Arts.

Giving up his pedagogic work in 1861, our subject came to Flint April 10, the day on which Ft. Sumter was fired upon. He at once entered Col. Fenton's law office, and in November of that year was admitted to the Michigan bar. He then started an office by himself and has continued in the practice of his profession ever since. In 1867 he became a member of the Constitutional Convention which met at Lansing, and was on the judiciary committee.

From 1870 to 1874 he was Prosecuting Attorney of Genesee County, and in 1884 he was elected Judge of Probate on the Republican ticket, and re-elected in 1888. He is, and has for the past thirteen years, been a member of the School Board, having during that time filled every position on the Board.

The original of our sketch was married in Westfield, Mass., December 21, 1858, to Miss Maria L. Harrison, who was born in the above named place and who was a student and graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and later became a teacher. Judge Lovell is the father of four children—Almira F., Helen L., Harriet A. and Henry H. The eldest daughter is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; she is now Register of the Probate Court. The second daughter graduated from the same institution, also receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is now assistant professor in the Baltimore Female College. Harriet, like her sisters, graduated with honors and received a like degree in their Alma Mater, and is a teacher of physics in the Detroit High School. Henry H., who graduated from the Flint High School in the Class of '91, is now pursuing the electric engineering course in the Michigan University.

Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also of the Knights of Phythias, and he has been Grand Chancellor of the State. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church. He has a pleasant home at No. 803 Clifford Street.

JAMES G. MALLERY. Our subject is the President of the Castree-Mallery Company, an incorporated agricultural implement company in the city of Flint. He was born at Sodus, Wayne County, N. Y., March 9, 1855, and is a son of Harvey N. Mallery, a native also of Wayne County, and a blacksmith by occupation. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Miss Sarah Gillett, she being born also near the birthplace of her son—Sodus, N. Y.

About twenty years ago the family came to Genesee County and located on a farm near Mt. Morris, remaining there two years, when they came to Flint, where the elder Mr. Mallery engaged in blacksmithing, continuing in this occupation to the present time. Our subject's mother is still living and they make their home in the Third Ward. They have only one child, our subject.

James G. received his education in the city schools of Flint, supplementing the same by a clerkship of five years with the firm of F. H. & E. O. Pierce, grocers. At the expiration of that time he began dealing in agricultural implements with his father, their place of business being on South Saginaw street. He continued in this but a short time when he engaged to work for the hardware firm of Simington & Hughes, remaining with them for two years, when he bought an interest in the Castree Mallery Foundry, the firm name being

Castree & Mallery. The company was incorporated in 1886 with J. B. Castree as President. Two years later our subject became its President. They manufacture land rollers, cultivators, harrows, bob sleds and all kinds of agricultural implements, giving employment to thirty-five men.

Our subject was married to Miss Ida B. Johnson, February 27, 1878. Mrs. Mallery is a daughter of James M. Johnson of this city. To them have been born one child, a son, Harvey J. Mrs. Mallery was born in New York, Nov. 24, 1861, and was brought to this State when quite young by her parents. Socially, Mr. Mallery is a member of the Masonic order, being identified with Genesee Lodge, No. 174. The Castree-Mallery Company is one of the leading industries of Flint and adds greatly to the business prosperity of the place.

MRS. MARY PATON. The lady whose name appears above is one of the matrons of Flushing whose experience extends over a varied portion of the history of this vicinity. She is the widow of John Paton, a Scotch settler of an early day in this county. John Paton was born November 5, 1801, in Blackford, Perthshire, Scotland. He was a son of James and Mary (Menzies) Paton, natives of Scotland. They had three children—Ann, who was Mrs. William Dull, Mary, who was Mrs. W. Joice and John.

John Paton was educated in Scotland, and early learned the art of manufacturing woolen goods. His emigration to America took place in 1827 and he secured employment at Paterson, N. J. and later engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods with Mr. Woodhouse, where he remained until 1834 when he came to Michigan and located in what is now known as Flushing Township, Genesee County, there purchasing a tract of three hundred and fifty acres on sections 22 and 27. He was the first settler in this township when the howl of the wolf and visits from the red men were not infrequent. He settled at a place on the river in what is now Flint Township.

In 1837 Mr. Paton brought his family to Flushing Township and settled on the farm which he at first purchased. He improved it by erecting a comfortable frame house and began the work of clearing. It proved to be his home until his death which occurred April 12, 1886. He was a thorough farmer and made of his place a perfect agricultural tract. Several times he held the office of Treasurer. He was also Road Commissioner and held some other offices. He was a Republican in politics and in his religious sentiments held to the church of his country, being a strong Presbyterian, and was one of the organizers of the first church built in this place. He was not so bigoted, however, that he did not give generously to the support of other churches.

Mrs. Paton tells the writer that she lived here without seeing a woman for six months. There were no roads at the time and their guide through the waste of woods was the blazed trees. There was plenty of game of all kinds and the larder needed never to be empty of meat supplyed by the rifle. Our subject was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Evans, the daughter of John and Mary (Abbott) Evans, natives of Ireland, but whose parents were from England. Her maternal grandparents were natives of England but resided in Ireland. Her paternal grandparents were Michael and Elizabeth (Coats) Evans, natives of England. The former was a retired surgeon. Our subject was married to Mr. Paton, November 22, 1835, and as the years passed became the mother of four children, three of whom are now living. They are—John, Mary and Annie. The first named married Sarah Beaty, and is the father of one child, a daughter, whose name is Fanny Eveline. He resides in Flushing. Mary is Mrs. Lutze and Annie is Mrs. Morfit.

As a young lady Mrs. Paton received her education in the manufacturing town of Manchester, England. She came with her father to America in 1830 and in 1835 located in Flushing on a part of what is now the Paton farm. On reaching Detroit she and her father came to this place on foot. After the first day they found their way by the Indian trail, making eleven miles the first day and twenty-one miles the second. Mrs. Paton has many warm friends in this county and has lived to enjoy the comforts of a beautiful home in a country

which was desolate on her advent here. Her son was the first white child born on this side of Flint Bridge and Mary M. was the first white girl born in Flushing Township. The latter, now Mrs. Lutze, is a talented and cultured woman, who is interested in everything that is progressive and enterprising. She belongs to the Literary and Scientific Circle of the Chautauqua Club, having graduated with the Class of '84. She is also a talented artist and her home is beautified by the work of her own hands. She and her mother belong to the Presbyterian Church.

BENJAMIN F. COTHARIN. The city of Flint has many flourishing business establishments, and prominent among these is the furniture store of Mr. Cotharin, which is conveniently located near the corner of Saginaw and Second Streets. Mr. Cotharin carries a splendid line of furniture and upholstered goods, occupying five floors, one hundred and forty feet deep. The success which has come to him is the reward of his determined and judicious efforts, and while financially he has accumulated a competency, he has at the same time earned a place among the representative and honored citizens of Flint, those who have become identified with its growth and closely connected with its progress.

Mr. Cotharin was born in Springfield Township, Oakland County, this State, March 10, 1850, and is the son of Benjamin and Eliza (Carter) Cotharin, of whom see sketch elsewhere in this volume. Our subject was seven years old when he accompanied his parents to this city and here he gained his education. After completing the course of study in the High School he attended the Commercial College of Detroit, where he became well grounded in the principles which contribute to success in business. After completing his education he was for a time with F. W. Judd and later formed a partnership with William Charles in 1872, the firm name being Charles & Cotharin. This connection was continued for four years, when Mr. Cotharin bought out his partner's interest and continued the business alone. His establishment has always been located on Saginaw Street and has gradually grown to its present magnitude.

Every measure calculated to promote the interests of Flint receives the hearty co-operation of Mr. Cotharin. He is now one of the Directors of the Flint Water Company, with which he has been connected since soon after its organization. He is Director and Vice-President of the Equitable Savings and Loan Association, of which he was one of the organizers at the time of its inception August 1, 1889; he is also a stockholder in the First National Bank. Socially he is a Knight Templar, connected with the Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, and is a member of Washington Chapter No. 15, and the Blue Lodge of Flint No. 23; he is also a member of the Maccabees. In the city of Flint he owns business houses, as well as private residences and lots, and the brick structure which he occupies for his furniture establishment, was built under his direction. It is 20x140 feet in dimensions, and comprises five stories above a basement. He is interested in the Platte Iron Mine, located in northern Michigan.

On October 12, 1874, Mr. Cotharin was united in marriage with Miss Elenora Beche, the daughter of G. W. Beche, of Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Cotharin have one child, a daughter, Marguerite. They are consistent members of the Episcopal Church, in which he is a Vestryman. Socially they are welcomed in the most select circles of the city, and under their hospitable roof their many friends are wont to gather and pass pleasant hours.

ISAAC D. GILLETT. Prominent in agricultural and church circles is the gentleman whose name we have just written. He carries on general farming on his tract of one hundred and eighty acres in Vienna Township and is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Vienna, where he is serving as Trustee and Steward. He was born July 9, 1813, in the town-

ship of Southport, Chemung County, N. Y. His father, Nelson P. Gillett, was born in Cortland County, N. Y., in 1814, and died in 1855.

The father was a carpenter and joiner as well as farmer and was educated in the public schools of New York. In his twenty-fourth year he married Miss Sarah M., daughter of Henry and Lucy (Simons) Misner. This marriage resulted in the birth of four children. The eldest, Melissa J., was born in 1839, and became a successful teacher before her marriage with John White, now Register of Deeds of Otsego County, this State. She died in 1865, leaving one daughter, Melissa G., who married Martin Field. The second son, William H., was born in 1841, and is farming in Vienna Township, and besides our subject there was another son, Nelson B., who was born in 1855, and has been a successful teacher besides farming in Vienna Township.

The father, Nelson P. Gillett, settled upon a farm in Vienna Township in 1848. There was no road leading to the farm and he had to cut a road from the town line to the spot where he wished to build. He erected a board house, 16x24 feet and having cleared a small spot planted corn, potatoes, etc. and made a garden the first year. On the 14th of May, 1855, only eighteen months after his coming into the township, he was killed by a falling tree which he was chopping. His eldest son was but fourteen years old at the time and the subject of this sketch was only twelve, but the family went on with the work, hiring what they could not possibly do, and together they cleared the land and made their home in common until 1867, at which time a division of property was made and Isaac took eighty acres of the old farm and added to it one hundred acres a few years later. Upon this property he has placed numerous improvements and for a number of years was engaged in the lumber business in which he was quite successful.

The marriage of our subject, in 1886, united him with Miss Annetta, daughter of Ralph Field. He was a native of Canada and there Mrs. Gillett was born near Smithville, September 14, 1863. She came to Michigan with her father in 1880, and completed her education in the Flint High School. Previous to coming here she had studied in the St. Catherine School in Canada and after completing her studies she became a successful teacher. Two children have been born to this couple—Ralph N., born July 11, 1887, and Leslie D., June 10, 1889. Mrs. Gillett like her husband, is prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The doctrines of the Republican party have for many years been endorsed by Mr. Gillett, but he is now in affiliation with the Prohibitionists and is a member of the Alliance of Vienna Township. He was Township Treasurer in 1890 and has been a successful farmer throughout life. Sarah M. Gillett, the grandmother of our subject, is now seventy-three years old and is yet active and useful. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also her husband during his lifetime, and this family and all its members deserve and receive the highest esteem of all with whom they are associated. During all of his business career he has never sued a man nor has he ever been sued.

ANDREW SLAGHT, M. D. A follower of Esculapius, Dr. Slaght is one of the most prominent and popular practitioners in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. He is a native of Seneca County, N. Y., and was born December 1, 1832. He is a son of John and Phebe Slaght, natives of New Jersey. As his name would indicate, he is on the paternal side of Holland extraction, his maternal progenitors being Scotch. Dr. Slaght's father served in the War of 1812.

When fourteen years old our subject with his parents emigrated to Genesee County, this State. The family first settled in Mundy Township, and there he of whom we write was reared to man's estate in the wholesome atmosphere of rural life. His mental training was received in the district schools of the vicinity, after which he attended the High School at Flint, and at different periods for some five years thereafter engaged in teaching school.

In the fall of 1865 Mr. Slaght entered the medical department of Ann Arbor University, and was

graduated in 1868 when he took his degree. He located in the township of Mundy, and there practiced for one year, after which he removed to Grand Blanc, and has been in constant and active practice of his profession ever since. Our subject was married in 1857, to Miss Adelia Huff, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary Huff, natives of New York State. The union of our subject and his estimable wife has been blessed by the advent of two children: William M., who has also become a physician; and Frances, the wife of Dr. J. McLaren of Saginaw, this State.

Our subject is a member of the Congregational Church. He is a Republican in his political preference. He is a generous supporter by word and means of every advancement that promises to be for the good of the town. The Doctor is a graduate from the Regular School of medicine. Although he has enjoyed many advantages, he has attained them by his own perseverance and energy. The Doctor was formerly a member of the County Medical Association, and was also a member of the American Medical Association.

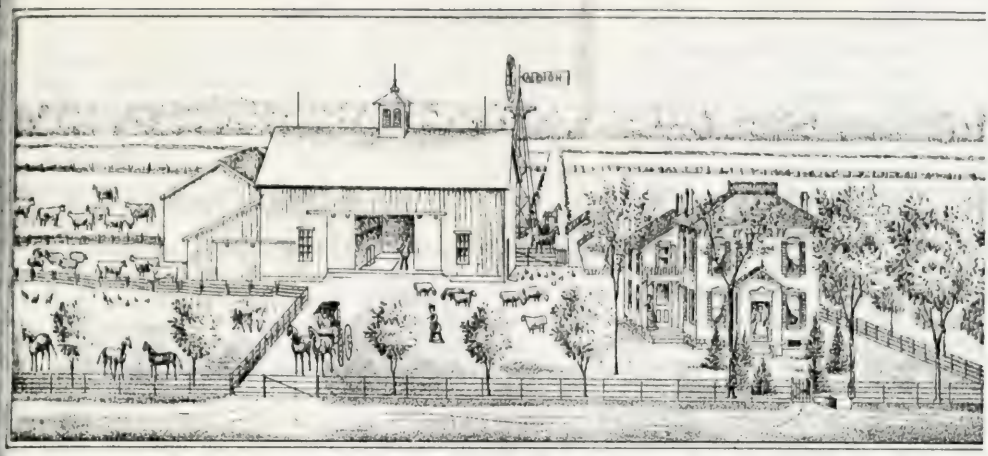
JOHN HOLTSLANDER. This venerable, yet active farmer whose property lies in Clayton Township, Genesee County, is a native of Mt. Morris, Livingston County, N. Y., where he was born August 29, 1809. He is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Seicia) Holtslander, both of whom were natives of Orange County, N. Y. The father was a farmer and came to Michigan about the year 1811, settling in Mt. Morris Township, this county, and here engaged in farming. He bought land which was then entirely untouched and after clearing it and putting it in condition for cultivation, he sold and bought again in Mundy Township, this county, and there remained until he was called hence by death.

Twelve children gathered about this pioneer home and six of them are now living, namely: Henry, Adam, James, John, Elizabeth and Ann. Both parents were earnestly active in Christian work, being members of the Methodist Church, and Adam Holtslander was in his political views a Democrat. The subject of this sketch received his education in Mt. Morris, N. Y., and had the usual training of a farmer's boy, remaining at home until he was twenty-four years of age, after which he engaged extensively in farming in Mt. Morris. He came to Michigan about the year 1860, settling on the Coldwater Road in Mt. Morris Township, this county, where he carried on farming on a large scale. He kept a flock of one thousand sheep and a large number of cattle, selling sometimes as much as $1,300 worth of cattle at a time.

John Holtslander came to the place where he now resides in 1880, and for the last thirty years has engaged extensively in buying and selling cattle. He is well known throughout all this region, and has always been a business man, closely associated with business men. His home, a view of which appears in this volume, is beautiful and well furnished, and the best live stock is to be found upon his farm. He is called one of the best farmers in Clayton Township, and his home farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres while he has other valuable land in Saginaw County. He always deposits what money he does not need for immediate use in the banks and has assisted a number of Eastern banks to start.

Our subject was married in 1833 to Miss Adeline, daughter of Nicholas Holtslander. She was born in Orange County, N. Y., and lived with her husband in harmony and domestic happiness for fifty-seven years. Her death proved in this home an irreparable loss. Two children now survive, Sarah and James. The latter married Gertrude Mirtenis, daughter of the Rev. Stephen and Mary (Holtslander) Mirtenis, and four children have gathered about the fireside, namely: Lillie, Lula, May, and Nellie.

The subject of this sketch is a Democrat in his political views and has held the office of Superintendent of the Poor as well as other positions of trust and responsibility. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church as are also all his family. He united with the church in 1833 and has ever since been a consistent member, serving as Class-Leader and holding other official positions. Social life is his delight and no one is turned un-



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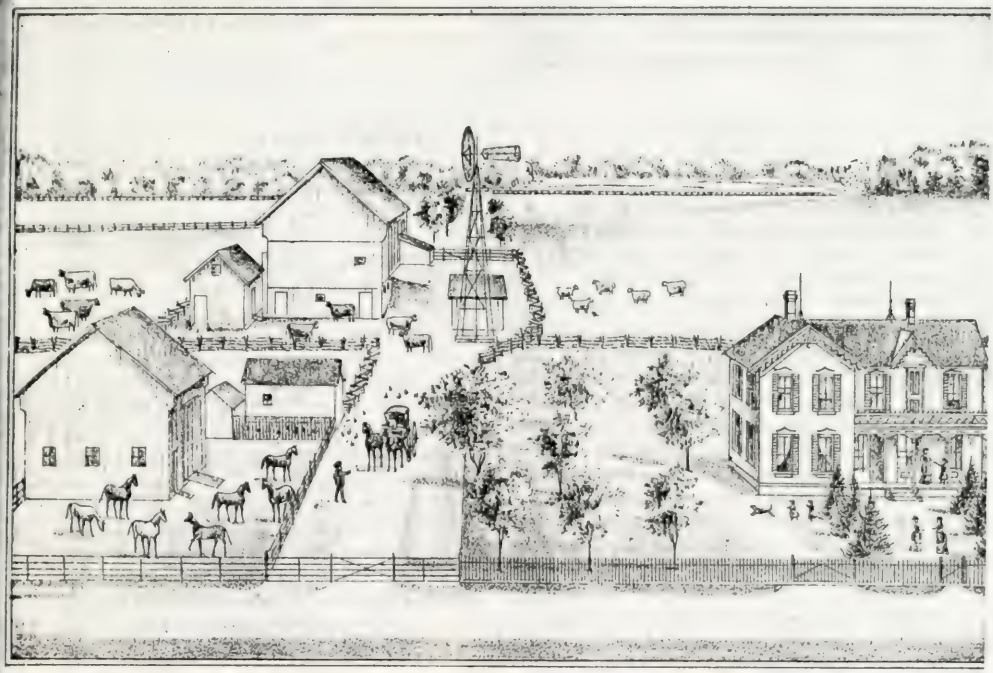


RESIDENCE OF HENRY H. STIFF, SEC 1., ARGENTINE TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

graciously from his door, while for the poor he feels a brotherly interest and ever holds toward them a helping hand. In matters, social, religious and business, he is one of the most prominent men in the township.

HENRY H. STIFF. Among the successful citizens of Genesee County is this gentleman, who makes his home in Argentine Township. A native of Warren County, N. J., he was born May 1, 1832. His father, John Stiff, also a native of New Jersey, was a weaver by trade throughout life, and died here about the year 1876. He had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. The mother, who died several years prior to the decease of her husband, was formerly Mary Kutzler, a native of New Jersey and of German extraction. Five of her six children are now living.

The eldest son and third child in his parents household, Henry H. Stiff received the best advantages which could be secured in the village schools up to the age of twelve years. Then he became an employe in a large woolen factory at Walden, N. Y., his first work being the feeding of a picking machine, and he continued in that position until he was promoted to be the feeder of a spinning machine. Subsequently he worked for about two years in the city of New York and during most of that time operated a scouring machine.

The coming of this good citizen to the State of Michigan was in 1852, and he located with his parents in the township of Independence, Oakland County. There he worked by the month for several years, after which he rented land for five years. Somewhat later he came to Genesee County, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of property on section 1, Argentine Township. Upon the land the improvements consisted of a little clearing where stood a log house with neither windows nor doors, while the remainder of the land was covered with heavy timber. Mr. Stiff has brought it to a high state of cultivation and has made several additions from time to time until he now has two hundred acres upon section 1.

Mr. Stiff has been twice married. His first wife, Cordelia Smith, to whom he was united in 1855, died, in 1886, leaving eight children—Gilbert, Andrew, Mary, Thomas, John, Jeanette, Henry and Ada. To all of these Mr. Stiff has given good opportunities of education and Thomas is now a teacher. The second marriage of our subject, which took place in 1887, united him with Sally Whitehead, a native of this township, whose three children are, Clyde, Blanch and Lola May.

The doctrines of the Republican party have ever commended themselves to the understanding of this intelligent gentleman, and, while he is not a politician, he has been placed in a number of local offices of trust and responsibility. He has been a member of the Masonic order for nearly twenty-five years and he and his good wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is Steward. He started in life empty handed and has attained the possession of a handsome farm where he carries on mixed farming and raises all kinds of stock. A view of this homestead is presented elsewhere in this RECORD.

MRS. EUNICE BUCKINGHAM HAYNES, widow of the late Dr. Haynes, is one of the prominent ladies of the city of Flint, and a woman whose intelligence is evident in every good work that is undertaken in this place. She is a daughter of Lewis Buckingham, who was born in New Jersey and was reared at Mt. Morris, Livingston County, N. Y., becoming a farmer. He became quite a well-known politician and was Sheriff at one time of Livingston County. About 1834 he came to Genesee County, and purchased some Government land.

Mr. Buckingham located in the woods that were overawing in their grandeur and darkness. They were not unaccustomed to the howl of the wolf at night and gruesome call of the screech owl. Later he located in Flint and became landlord of the Red Tavern, on the banks of the Flint River, where the *Wolverine Citizen* is

now located. He was the first Sheriff of Genesee County, holding the office for three terms. He located on a farm of eighty acres in Flint Township. This he improved and lived upon until he retired from active business, making his home in Flint, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. He was an ardent Republican and with his wife, whose maiden name was Anna Berry, was a devoted member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hayne's mother was a native of Salem, Mass., and a daughter of William Berry, who was a shoemaker by trade, and who in early days removed to New York, and from there to Flint, dying here. Mrs. Haynes' mother died in 1881, at at the age of eighty years. She reared eight children, of whom the two youngest were born in Flint. The lady of whom we write was educated in the Union Schools of this city, and in 1861 she entered Oberlin College, Ohio, and there remained two years. At the age of eighteen she began teaching, and continued her work in both district and city schools for a period of nine years.

August 25, 1864, our subject was married to Dr. C. H. Haynes, a native of Ohio and a son of Elisha Haynes, a farmer of the Buckeye State. He was a graduate of Oberlin College, where he pursued the classical course and took the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. In 1864, after their marriage, the young couple went to Topeka, Kan., which at that time had one thousand inhabitants. He there became Superintendent of the public schools. In 1874 he resigned his position and came to Flint, in order to follow out the long-desired project of his life.

Dr. Haynes entered and graduated from the Chicago Medical College, taking his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1877. He began practice immediately after coming to Flint, and continued here until his decease, October 3, 1884. He was a prominent member of the Homeopathic State Medical Society and in political matters was a pronounced Republican. Mrs. Haynes still resides in this city; she is the mother of three children, whose names are Anna, Harry and Helen. The eldest daughter is a teacher in the city High School; Harry is in the Bay City Telephone office, and Helen will graduate from the Flint High School in the Class of '93. Mrs. Haynes belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps, being united with Crapo Lodge, No. 23, and is Senior Vice President. She is a strong believer in woman suffrage and looks forward to the day when she whom God made to be man's helpmate and companion in every sense of the word shall not be denied the privileges that he enjoys.

REMOS DISBROW. In mentioning the prominent farmers of Tuscola County, the attention is directed to Mr. Disbrow, who owns and occupies a fine estate on section 10, Vassar Township. He is a large landholder, owning about five hundred acres, a considerable portion of which has been cleared and brought to a high state of cultivation. A resident of this county for more than twenty years, he has become closely connected with its growth, and especially with the development of Vassar Township. Of late years he has dealt quite extensively in lumber, and in 1874 erected a saw mill which was burned in 1881, causing a loss of over $1,000. He rebuilt the mill in company with A. F. Cline in 1883, and it was again burnt in 1890.

Before giving the important events in the life of Mr. Disbrow the reader will doubtless be interested in learning of his ancestry. He is descended from Thomas Disbrow, one of two brothers who emigrated to this country from England, and located in Fairfield County, Conn. The other brother, John, settled in Rye, N. Y. From Thomas was descended Jabez, who married Abigail Meeker, and Nathan, who chose for his wife Watie Scribner. After Jabez came his son, Asahel, who was born March 23, 1746, and died in 1813 at Windham, N. Y. November 20, 1775, he married Abigail Disbrow, his cousin, the daughter of Nathan Disbrow, and after they resided in Connecticut twenty-four years, they removed to Windham, Greene County, N. Y., where they died.

In the Revolutionary War Asahel Disbrow served as a Minute Man, ready at a moment's noti[illegible] go in defense of the coast when a ship-

of-war hove in sight. He was a slaveholder in the Empire State, but his slaves all secured their freedom in some way except one desirable female body servant of his wife's, who was urged to give the slave her freedom but refused because she wanted a slave to wait upon her as long as she lived. However she survived the slave. There were ten children in the family of Asahel and Abigail Disbrow, namely: Meeker, who was born in 1777; Thomas Scribner, in 1778; Watie, in 1779; Abigail, in 1780; Asahel in 1782; George, in 1784; Ezra, in 1785; Anna and Deborah (twins), in 1787; and Polly, in 1789.

Meeker married, became the father of eleven children, removed to Erie County, Ohio, and died aged seventy-two. Thomas, who also married, had a family of eleven children, and died in Prattsville, N. Y., in 1850. Watie, who became the wife of Mr. Beers, was left a widow with eight children and died at the residence of her son Asahel in Indiana, aged seventy-five. Abigail married Mr. Abbot, settled in Ohio near Sciota and died leaving eight children. Asahel, who married and became the father of twelve children, died in Alden, Ill., in 1854. George died in Fairfield, Conn., in 1796, and Ezra passed away in Prattsville, N. Y., August 25, 1855. Deborah married and settled in Durham, N. Y.; Anna, with her husband, located in Prattsville, N. Y.; and Polly, who became Mrs. Benjamin West, emigrated to Canada, where she died when comparatively young.

The father of our subject was Asahel Disbrow, who was born in Connecticut, June 17, 1782, and there passed his youth. In Connecticut he married Miss Esther Bates, likewise a native of that State, and born April 13, 1787. To them were born twelve children, as follows: Pamelia, born December 14, 1806; Elias, January, 9, 1808; Sarah, September 27, 1809; Ezra, May 12, 1811; William, February 1, 1813; Esther, April 15, 1814; Nathan, February 21, 1816; Julia, December 25, 1817; Orrin, December 2, 1819; Remos, August 1, 1822; Sidney, February 20, 1825; and Lucas, November 16, 1827.

From this record it will be seen that our subject was among the younger children. He was born in Prattsville, Greene County, N. Y., whither his parents had removed from Connecticut. He remained in that county with his parents until 1838, when he accompanied them to McHenry County, Ill., and there remained until 1870. Meantime his parents died in 1854. They were both Methodists in their religious persuasion and were highly esteemed among their neighbors in McHenry County. Their son Remus stayed at home until he was of age, when he purchased a farm in McHenry County and commenced to improve the one hundred and sixty acres of which it consisted.

Prior to his removal to Michigan Mr. Disbrow was married in 1849 to Miss Esther, a daughter of Stephen G. and Sarah (Atwater) Virgil. Mr. Virgil was born September 6, 1781, in Otsego County, N. Y., while his wife was a native of Massachusetts. He died in 1830, and Mrs. Virgil survived him six years, passing away November 30, 1836. Unto our subject and his wife were born seven children—Phila A., Byron M., Harriet A., Armista, Mary A., George B. and Jane Elizabeth. Only two of these are now living, Harriet and Jane Elizabeth. After a residence of many years in McHenry County, Ill., our subject sold his place in 1870, and came to Tusola County, where he has since resided. His first location was upon section 14, Vassar Township, but he now makes his home on section 10.

Politically, Mr. Disbrow is a Republican and invariably casts his ballot for the candidates of that party. He has been Justice of the Peace and filled other positions of a local nature. Upon his estate may be noticed fine stock, to which he devotes considerable attention and he makes a specialty of Jersey cattle. He raises the various cereals, and has his farm divided into fields and pastures as suits his convenience. A good class of out buildings has been erected, and a neat residence, whose interior indicates the refined tastes of the inmates. Mr. Disbrow is a pleasant conversationalist, and having added to his fund of knowledge gained in the common schools of New York and at Rock River Seminary in Mt. Morris, Ill., by systematic reading and careful study of the public issues of the day, he is a well-informed man and an influential citizen. While at Rock River Seminary he addressed the young men's Lyceum in his

maiden speech, which reflected credit upon the institution and himself. Since then he has delivered quite a number of addresses and lectures, is an able debater, and has done considerable pleading in the lower courts of Illinois and Michigan as well as in the higher courts. In public meetings he is often called upon for a speech and responds with evident pleasure. He attended the first Northwestern Anti-slavery Convention held in Chicago, and always labored zealously in the anti-slavery cause.

LYMAN J. HITCHCOCK. This prominent old settler who is now filling the office of Superintendent of the Poor of Genesee County, has been on the Board for five terms of three years each. He makes his home at Flint and is one of the directors of the First National Bank. He owns a fine property in Genesee Township, comprising three hundred and forty acres in all.

Mr. Hitchcock was born at Henrietta, Genesee County, N. Y., then known as Monroe County, August 23, 1832. His father was Lyman and his grandfather Bethuel Hitchcock and the latter was a soldier in the War of 1812. Four of his sons joined him in the army, leaving at home to carry on the farm only two small lads of eight and ten years. The father never returned but the sons came back.

The father of our subject farmed on the old place in Henrietta and in 1833 removed to Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he engaged in farming. In 1850 he sold his property and went back to Alabama, Genesee County, where he carried on farming until his death, which occurred in November 1890. In his politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Sarah Cabot and she was born in Fairfield, N. Y. Her father was from Connecticut and at an early day removed to Herkimer and then to Monroe County, N. Y. This family traces its descent from one of the famous brothers John and Sebastian Cabot, the explorers. The mother of Lyman Hitchcock died in New York, in 1884, at the age of eighty years. She had ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity and four of them are now living.

Lyman J. Hitchcock was reared upon his native farm in Chautauqua County until he reached the age of eighteen years and attended the district schools with regularity until he was fourteen years old, after which he had their benefit only in the winters. At the age of eighteen he returned to Genesee County and helped his father during two winters in clearing fifty acres of new land, and in the summers he worked out for neighboring farmers, receiving from $14 to $16 a month, the highest wages then paid.

After reaching his majority this young man undertook various jobs, one of which netted him $500 in the course of the year. He put one-half of this sum in the bank and the other half into his pocket and in 1854 started on a western trip. He visited Dubuque, Iowa, which was as far as the railroad went in those days, and then started out on foot, and walked about a thousand miles through Minnesota and Wisconsin. At LaCrosse he found his pocket-book empty and began work as a stage driver and afterward as a dealer in horses but returned home in December of the same year. The young man now rented some land and began dealing in stock and lands, and shipped cattle and hogs by shiploads to the New York market, and in seven years he had accumulated $3,500, with which he bought a house and lot in Smithville, N. Y.

In 1865 Mr. Hitchcock sold his Eastern property and came to Michigan, locating in Grand Blanc Township, where he bought property and located in 1866. While living on this place he was several times elected to office but declined to qualify. Removing to Grand Blanc he undertook the grain business and built the first elevator there, and carried on this business for over seven years.

In 1872 Mr. Hitchcock bought a farm in Genesee Township, and there combined dealing in stock and grain with his farming operations, making Flint his headquarters and removing to that city in 1878. He entered the firm of Hitchcock, Kline & Co., which continued until the fall of 1889, and

had the reputation of being the heaviest dealer in grain, hay and farm produce in that region.

Our subject has since 1889 paid his whole attention to his farm of two hundred and sixty acres. Here he has a fine grade of stock and an excellent orchard. During the Civil War he furnished hundreds of horses to the Government. For years he was one of the Directors of the Genesee County Agricultural Society.

This gentleman was married March 5, 1855, to Mrs. Matilda P. Hitchcock, daughter of Alvin Bam, a New Yorker who had become a farmer in Alabama Township, and died here at the age of fifty-eight. Mrs. Bam's maiden name was Annie Sample and her father Hugh Sample, who was of Scotch descent, was the first settler at Sample Hill in Cattaraugus County, N. Y. The two children of our subject are Martha J. who died at the age of seventeen years, and Ellie who is a graduate of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of Michigan, and of the Washington Heights Deaf Mute Institute and is now Mrs. William Gibney, of Chicago. Mr. Hitchcock is a true blue Republican and is a frequent delegate to conventions. In 1878 he was appointed Superintendent of the Poor and under his administration matters have been greatly improved.

ORIN SEELEY is a member of a family that has done much for this vicinity, both as loyal citizens in the infant days of its Government and as industrious and enterprising workers who have developed the material resources. He is the third member of the family who is still living, and was born in Edinburg Township, Saratoga County, N. Y., April 25, 1811. He is a son of Lewis Seeley, who was born in the town of Trumbull, Conn., seven miles from old Bridgeport. (For a fuller sketch of our subject's parents see biography of Lewis Seeley on another page of this book.) The parents died in Genesee Township, this State, the father being sixty-three years of age and the mother eighty-nine years. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity, but of whom three only are now living—Daniel H., Fayette and Orin.

The gentleman whose life history it is our privilege to give in outline, was the third son and fourth child of his parents' family. He lived in his native place until eleven years old, thence removing with his parents to Onondaga County, N. Y. He there remained until about seventeen years old, and thence went to Orleans County. His home was made under the paternal roof until reaching his majority, and then he worked out by the month as a farm laborer, receiving $11 per month as equivalent for his labor.

Our subject was first married September 7, 1828, to Miss Salina Andrews, a native of New York. By this union there were nine children, all of whom grew to maturity. They are by name Martilla, Harriet, Anna Orin, Edwin, Daniel, William, Julia and Jane. The eldest is the widow of Baily Clapp; Harriet is the wife of Edward Clapp and resides in Flint; Orin lives in Flint; Edwin lives in Sethford Township, Genesee County; Daniel lives near Mt. Morris, in New York, while William makes his home on the farm and assists his father with the farm work. The mother of these children died April 9, 1869, and was interred in the Hitchcock Cemetery in Genesee Township.

In November, 1869, our subject married a second time, his wife being Mary DeWitt, the widow of Abel Marshal. She was born in New York, May 15, 1817. By her first marriage she became the mother of five children, all of whom lived to reach years of maturity. They are: Francis, Sarah, George, Philip and Eliza. Mrs. Seeley was reared in her native place and was there married. She came to Michigan in 1846, and Mr. Seeley came with his parents in 1836. He returned however, to his native place and remained for four years, but in 1840 he returned to Genesee County, Mich., and located on the place where he now resides. There were no other improvements on the place excepting a log shanty. He first purchased forty acres and added to it as his means would allow until he is now the owner of one hundred acres of well-improved land. He has erected all the buildings and has a good house and barn.

Politically our subject is a Democrat. He, with

his wife and family, are adherents of the Congregational Church. He can boast of never having had a mortgage upon his place, which in these days of encumbered property is something to be proud of.

JOHN M. McKERCHER. Retired from active business, our subject is at present County Superintendent of the Poor. He is also Secretary of the School Board, having occupied that position for three years. Mr. McKercher was born in Livingston County, N. Y., January 11, 1840, and is the son of Daniel and Florence (McCandlish) McKercher, the father being a farmer.

When but four years old our subject was brought to Flint by his parents, the senior Mr. McKercher having located one hundred and sixty acres of land south-west of the city of Flint. The land was in its primitive state, there not even being roads cut through and our subject well remembers the trying times of that period. The father remained on this place for thirty years; the mother died when our subject was but twelve years old. Daniel McKercher was Clerk of Flint Township and was respected wherever known.

Our subject was given the advantages of a very good education, which, with the training he received on the farm, enabled him to make a good start for himself. He apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a carpenter and joiner and was very successful in his work in this county. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. McKercher enlisted in Company B, First Michigan Engineers, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, but afterward was changed to the Army of the Tennessee. He saw much active fighting, having participated in the battles of LaVergne, Tenn., Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and many others and after a brave and loyal service of three years was discharged.

After his return from the army Mr. McKercher again located in Flint and followed his trade a few years when he entered the carpentry department of the deaf institution, remaining there for a term. In 1883 he opened a general merchandise store in New Lothrop, Shiawassee County, conducting the same for two years, when he again returned to Flint and engaged in the same business for two years more. Our subject was then elected City Treasurer and having a good opportunity to dispose of his business he did so and served his city two terms in the above-named office, giving satisfaction to all. Previous to this time he acted as Supervisor of his Ward for two years. Socially he is identified with the Genesee Commandery, K. T., No. 15, is the present Master of Flint Lodge, No. 23, High Priest of Washington Chapter, No. 15, and thrice Illustrious Master of Flint Council, No. 56.

John M. McKercher was married January 11, 1867, to Miss Matilda E. Atkin, daughter of the Hon. R. P. Atkin. Mrs. McKercher was born in Flint Township, December 21, 1847. They have become the parents of one child, a daughter, Grace I. Both our subject and his wife are prominent members of the Episcopal Church and are most highly respected residents of Flint.

WILLIAM F. CLAPP. Genesee County is favored with a numerous population of intelligent and progressive farmers, who are interested not only in what concerns themselves and their own prosperity, but are willing to place themselves in line with all who are working for the welfare of the community. Such an one is Mr. Clapp, who was born in Genesee Township, this county, May 17, 1858, and who makes his home in Montrose Township. His father, Volney T. Clapp, and his mother, Joanna A. (Todd) Clapp, had a family of five children who lived to grow to to man's and woman's estate, and of this number our subject is the eldest.

The early training and education of Mr. Clapp was received upon his father's farm and in the district school until he reached the age of fourteen, at which time the family removed to Flint and made their home there for five years, during which

time the lad had the advantage of the Flint High School, and at the end of that time they returned to the farm, where the young man remained until he was twenty-two years old.

Elsie W. Todd was the maiden name of the lady who became the wife of our subject, September 11, 1878, and she also is a native of Genesee Township. After marriage, the young man rented his father's farm for two years and then came to Montrose Township, and purchased eighty acres on section 15, which he has since made his home. Seventy acres of this land is now in an improved condition and produces excellent and varied crops. Two bright and interesting children have crowned this union—Earl C. and Edith D. Mr. Clapp has held the office of Township Clerk for four years and School Treasurer one term. He is ever active and earnest in his advocacy of the merits of Democratic principles and the Democratic party and believes that in its doctrines is to be found the true philosophy of Government. He takes an interest in all that pertains to the prosperity of the commonwealth and especially in that portion of the community where he makes his home.

HARLAN PAGE GAZLAY is a harness-maker located at No. 1100 South Saginaw street, Flint. He is a native of this place, his father Ward Gazlay, having come here in 1837. The latter was born in Onondaga Hollow, Onondaga County, N. Y., January 24, 1813. His wife, the mother of our subject, was known in her maidenhood as Miss Louisa B. Hood, and was also a native of New York, having been born September 24, 1851, at Knowlesville. The parents were married August 18, 1840.

Ward Gazlay was educated in his native county and for a time before coming West acted as captain of a canal-boat. In 1837, the date of his coming to Michigan, he purchased property on the corner of First and Saginaw Streets, south, in Flint and also located one hundred and sixty acres in Gaines Township, Genesee County and made a purchase in Flint Township, besides owning land in Mt. Morris Township. After locating his property he returned to New York and was married, after which he brought his bride to the Wolverine State.

Our subject's father owned the first harness shop in Genesee County, his first location being on Saginaw street, south, occupying the same building with Benjamin Cochran. He then purchased the old Presbyterian Church which he moved to the location of his old shop and by his ingenuity and energy remodeled it and besides having a convenient harness shop rented a portion to three tenants. This building did good service for twenty-six years, until the big fire in that place. The business success which he afterward attained is illustrated in the fact that immediately after the fire he went to Detroit and restocked his shop and the next day was ready for business. Soon after he made arrangements to erect a brick block which still bears his name. In dimensions it is 44x80 feet and three stories in height. Mr. Gazlay, Sr., occupied the second story as his place of business until his death, April 7, 1886, having been engaged in successful business here for half a century. He did not meddle in public affairs, but gave his entire attention to his business and at the time of his death owned considerable property. In religious matters he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, holding the office of Trustee in that body. At the time of his death he left a family of six children—Elizabeth, Mrs. Brooks; Sarah, Mrs. Withey; Harlan Page, our subject; Helen C.; Alice J., Mrs. Clark, and Otis F. The mother of our subject died December 29, 1882.

Harlan P. Gazlay, our subject, was born in Flint, August 25, 1850. He received a common-school education in his native place and afterward learned the trade of harness-making from his father, and March 1, 1882, established in business for himself. He later purchased the property at the corner of Saginaw and Sixth Streets, South where he opened his shop and had his residence located in the same block. They have continued in this location ever since. Our subject served for eleven years as a member of the Hook and Ladder company during the volunteer service.

He of whom we write was married April 14,

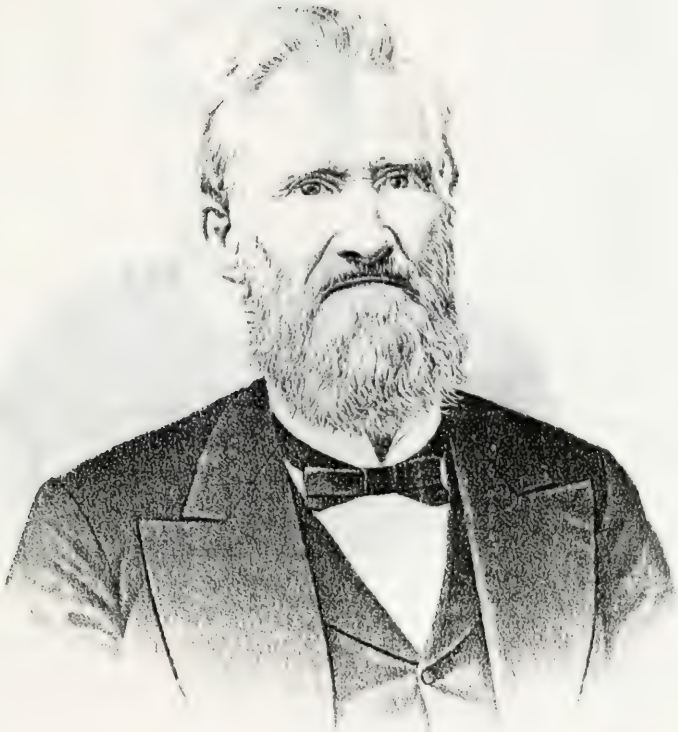
1877, to Miss Margaretta Houghtaling, of Lapeer County, and to them have been born one son, J. Harlan. Otis F. Gazlay, the brother of our subject, was born December 29, 1861, and after receiving a fair education, also learned the trade of a harness-maker under the tutilage of his father, continuing in his employ until the death of Mr. Gazlay. He has resided most of the time with our subject. He has an interest in the estate left by his father. Our subject is one of the well-known and successful business men of Flint.

HERMAN L. PIERSON, President of the Thread Flouring Mill Company, which is one of the largest in the State, and also one of the Directors of the First National Bank of Flint, was born in Livingston County, N. Y., in 1837, on the 16th of August, and is a son of William S., a native of the same place. The grandfather, Col. Benjamin Pierson, was a native of Connecticut and both an hotel keeper and a farmer. At the age of fourteen he took his brother's place in the Revolutionary Army and although barefooted, cold and almost starved he drove a team across the mountains and served as a soldier through the remainder of the conflict. He became an early settler in Western New York, assisted in building a mill at Honeoye Falls and afterward settled in Avon, where he helped to survey the Genesee Valley and finally turned his attention to hotel-keeping. He took part also in the War of 1812 and was raised to the rank of Colonel. He was a strong member of the Baptist Church and died at the age of seventy-five. The family is of English descent and the first representative in this country was Abraham Pierson, who came from Yorkshire about the year 1642 and was the father of Abraham Jr., who became the first President of Yale College.

The father of our subject married Miss Fanny Ladd, a native of Avon, N. Y., and in 1840 came to Genesee County, Mich., settling in Genesee Township, which was his home until his death in 1878. He was one of the most prominent men in his neighborhood and influential in every way, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother of our subject died in Genesee Township at the age of seventy-two. Herman Pierson was the eldest in a family of six children and had his early training in this county. His boyhood was enlivened by hunting and pioneer sports and his intercourse with the Indians gave him quite an understanding of their language. His education was received in the district schools and at the age of twenty-one he came into possession of one hundred and twenty acres in Mt. Morris Township, which in 1874 he sold to his brother.

In 1873 Mr. Pierson came to Flint and engaged in the milling business, buying a half interest in the Thread Mills and going into partnership with J. P. Burroughs. They have improved the mill from time to time introducing better methods but in June 1879 they met with a great disaster in its destruction by fire. They at once re-built putting in better machinery and improvements in every way. The Thread Mills were incorporated under the laws of the State in 1886 and two years later our subject became the President of the company. The mills are located on the Thread River and are situated on one hundred and twenty acres of land, half of which is within the corporation and the other half in Burton Township. Their elevator has a capacity of thirty-five thousand bushels and the capacity of the mill is three hundred and fifty barrels a day. A track connects the mill with the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad and they ship to Philadelphia and Baltimore besides disposing of one hundred barrels a day in the State. Their cooper shops which are rented to the Soper Manufacturing Company are also on the same tract of land. Besides their fine water-power they have a two hundred horse-power steam engine.

The fine farm of our subject comprises three hundred acres in Genesee Township, and upon it are raised fine crops of grain and a superior grade of stock and all is under the supervision of its owner. He was married in 1867 to Miss Adaline S. Jenks, of Mendon, N. Y., by whom he had one child, William J. Mrs. Pierson departed this life June 5, 1871. He was married the second time in Leroy, Genesee County, N. Y., in 1875, to Miss



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F. A. Begole

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Mary E. Calvert, a native of that place. Their two children are Carrie C. and Floyd G., and their beautiful home is at the corner of Church and Eighth Streets. The family is connected with the First Presbyterian Church and this gentleman was one of the Building Committee and is a trustee and has been on the Board of Elders. He is a Democrat but not radical in his views and he belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons and the Royal Arcanum.

FREDERICK A. BEGOLE. The gentleman whose name appears above is the owner of a fine farm located on section 31, Flint Township, Genesee County. He is a native of New York State, having been born in Mt. Morris, Livingston County, March 11, 1817. He is a son of William and Eleanor (Bowles) Begole, the former having been born in Hagerstown, Md., in 1786, and the latter in Fredericksburg of the same State. The mother died in Ypsilanti, Mich., while making her home with her son-in-law, Mr. Hezekiah Brinkerhoff. Her husband died in Livingston County, N. Y. They were the parents of ten children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth. He was reared in his native place and remained there until the fall of 1838, when he came to Flint, Mich., being at the time unmarried.

Our subject began to improve the land upon which he now lives and which was purchased by his father in 1836, and deeded to our subject in 1838. He devoted himself to agriculture but a short time, then was engaged as a carpenter for six months in Flint. After being employed for another six months he returned to New York on a visit, but came back to Genesee County and was engaged in work for his brother Josiah (the ex-Governor) for several months. He again made a trip to New York, remaining until 1842, when he brought back with him his wife and child and settled on the land on which he had begun to make improvements on first coming to the State, and it has been his home ever since, so that he is now one of the oldest settlers in Genesee County.

Mr. Begole has erected a nice series of buildings on his farm which comprises two hundred and forty acres of good and fertile land. His marriage took place February 28, 1841, in Mt. Morris, N. Y., to Miss Angelina Chapman, a daughter of James and Elinor (Scank) Chapman. She was born in Allegany County, N. Y., March 9, 1820. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Begole has been blessed by the advent of three living children: Frances E., James A. and William M. Frances is the wife of Peter Gordon, Jr.; James married Elizabeth Silsby; William married Miss Lilly Begole. Two other children, Philo and Cornelia died in infancy.

In local politics Mr. Begole has always been much interested. He is a Republican of the most pronounced type and never afraid to stand for the principles of his party. For twenty-six years he has held the office of Justice of the Peace, and has filled school and other minor offices. He has also been greatly interested in the educational matters of the vicinity, realizing how much the advancement of the locality depends upon this important consideration. He and his wife also take an active part in religious work. A genial and whole-souled man with whom it is a pleasure to meet, our subject possesses many of the qualities which have contributed to the popularity and success of his brother Josiah W., formerly Governor of Michigan. His place is characterized by the neatness with which everything about it is kept, while his buildings are in excellent condition and show taste as well as thrift.

The attention of the reader is invited to the lithographic portraits of Mr. Begole and his estimable wife, which appears in connection with this biographical notice.

ALMON L. ALDRICH. The capable editor of the Flint tri-weekly *Globe*, is he whose name appears above, and who has done excellent work. Mr. Aldrich was born in Springwater, Livingston County, N. Y., March 10, 1833. He is the son of Alvin B. and Elizabeth (Dunn) Aldrich. The former was a native of

Wayne County, N. Y., and was born in 1810. Our subject's grandsire, Leonard Aldrich, was a native of Massachusetts, and a descendant of George Aldrich, an English gentleman who settled in Braintree, the old Bay State, in 1648, and he was the originator of the Aldrich family in America.

A native of Massachusetts, our subject's paternal grandfather was an early settler in Wayne County, N. Y., and there died. In that place also was our subject's immediate progenitor born, and later located in Springwater Township, Livingston County, in the same State where he began farming. On the failure of his health, however, he returned to his native place and there died in 1841. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Dunn, and who was born in Manlius, Onondaga County, was the daughter of Jacob Dunn, an early settler in that county, but a native of New Jersey. He served in the War of 1812, and later resided in Wayne County, and then in Allegany County, where his decease occurred. He was of Irish ancestry.

The mother of our subject died in Allegany County, N. Y., in 1871. She reared her children in the religious faith of the family, which was that of the Presbyterians. There were four little ones and of these our subject is the second eldest. He was reared in Livingston County, N. Y. until the spring of 1844; he then returned to Wayne County, and later was engaged on a farm in Rushford, Allegany County, where he remained until nineteen years of age. During that time he had the advantages offered by a district school and two terms at Rushford Academy. On finishing his course he began teaching in order to accumulate enough money to take him through the academy in preparation for the University of Michigan.

During his academical course Mr. Aldrich associated with men who have since distinguished themselves in various lines. He was a classmate of Lieut.-Gov. Pond, of Wisconsin, and also of Senator H. M. Teller, of Colorado. He had a four-years' course at Rushford and taught for one year in the academy. He was one of the first three persons graduating from Rushford in 1855. The following year he was employed as Principal of the Cuba (N. Y.) schools, and in the fall of the same year came to Berrien Springs, Mich., and served as Principal of the High School for one year. In the fall of 1857 he entered the Sophomore class of the University of Michigan, devoting himself to the scientific course. On graduating, in 1860, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science, and in 1869 the degree of Master of Science was added to his honors. After graduation he taught for one year at St. Joe, and then located on a farm in Hamilton Township, Van Buren County.

Engaged at the same time in teaching and farming, Mr. Aldrich was also proprietor and editor of the St. Joe *Traveler*. He continued its publication until June, 1869, when he sold it, and coming to Flint, purchased the *Globe*, to which he has since given his time and attention. The first copy of the *Globe* appeared in 1866, its projectors being Robert and Charles Smith and Henry Hilton. It was a large folio, issued as a weekly, which our subject continued until 1886, when he changed it to a tri-weekly. It is now a seven-column folio, devoted to the interests of the community and county. It is Republican in politics, and voices truthfully the predominant sentiments of the party which it represents.

Aside from the publication of this journal he has the leading job printing trade in the city. The work is carried on and the offices are located in a substantial brick block on Kearsley Street. The presses are run by water-power. Mr. Aldrich has a beautiful home located on Court Street, No. 606. The residence was built at a cost of $10,000. The home is pleasingly presided over by Mrs. Aldrich, who is a lady of striking attractions and pleasing manners. They were married June 28, 1860, at Battle Creek, the lady being in her maiden days Miss Dency A. Abbott. She was born at Cuba, Allegany County, N. Y., and is a daughter of Solomon S. Abbott, a prominent farmer of that place, who now resides in Van Buren County, this State. Mrs. Aldrich was educated in part in Lima College and was graduated from Rushford Academy the same year as her husband; she is an intelligent and well-informed lady. Three children have come to them: Fred A., a member of the Flint Road Cart Company of this city; Ralph L., who was graduated from the law department of the

University of Michigan, and is now an Attorney of Flint, but has recently been appointed Attorney of a large corporation in Detroit, and will remove there January 1, 1892; and Maude E., who is an artist, having enjoyed the best advantages at Cooper Institute, N. Y., and also studied under excellent artists at Memphis, Tenn.

Our subject served for a time as Trustee of the Michigan School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, his term extending from 1873 to 1881. During his term the blind school was established at Lansing. While in St. Joe he served as Alderman for two years, and at Decatur was School Inspector. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and influential in the ranks of his party.

JUDGE WARNER LAKE. Our subject is one whose residence in Flint dates from 1837, before Michigan had taken on her dignity as a State. He is one of the honored pioneers whose industry, enterprise and honesty have done much for this city. He is an ex-Judge of the Probate Court in which he served eight years. Judge Lake was born in Delaware County, N. Y., October 4, 1809. He was reared in his native place until six years of age. He is a son of Warner and Betsey (Williams) Lake, the former a native of Connecticut and whose father was of English descent.

Our subject's father was reared and educated in Connecticut, thence became a farmer in Cayuga County, N. Y. From that point he moved to Mt. Morris, Livingston County, and was an early settler in Delaware County. In connection with his agricultural labors he served in the capacity of minister of the Baptist Church. In his early days it was not unusual for him to travel a distance of fifty miles to preach to isolated settlers. He was one of the six Baptist ministers west of Albany that founded the Otsego Baptist Association. His decease occurred when in his eighty-third year.

Our subject's mother, who was born in Washington County, N. Y., died at the age of seventy years. Of nine children born to the parents he of whom we write is the youngest. There are only two living, his only surviving brother being eighty-six years of age.

In his youth Judge Lake attended the district school and became an expert speller by much practice in the spelling "bees." He remained at home in Mt. Morris Township until twenty-one years of age and then purchased the farm and operated the one hundred and fifty acres until 1836, when he sold it and came to Michigan. He finally purchased four hundred and eighty acres of land in Bridgeport Township, Saginaw County, but in the spring of 1837 came to Flint, having sold his other land.

The original of our sketch was engaged as an hotel-keeper and ran a stage, also carried the mail to Pontiac. This business he sold, however, and located on his farm in Genesee Township, which comprised two hundred and ten acres of wild land. Returning to Flint and resuming his hotel business, and again going on a farm in Groveland Township, Oakland County, he finally located permanently in Flint in 1850, and here became engaged in the ashery and merchandise business. In 1852 our subject was elected Judge of the Probate Court on the Whig ticket and held the office for four years. In 1854 he allied himself with the Republicans and in 1856 was elected Judge of the Probate Court on the Republican ticket.

On the breaking out of the war Judge Lake was appointed draft commissioner for Genesee County by Gov. Blair and later became Deputy Marshal under Mr. Strickland and served as such throughout the war, during which time he was called upon to punish many a deserter. About 1866 he was appointed Assistant Deputy Internal Assessor for Genesee County and held the office for four years and on completing that term of service became manager at Flint of the Singer Sewing Machine Company and since then has been engaged in the insurance business. His office is located on Saginaw Street and he insures in two companies—the Phœnix and German-American.

Judge Lake was married in Greece, Monroe County, N. Y., April 4, 1833, to Miss Eliza Butler. She died in 1872, leaving her husband three chil-

dren—Martin W., Ora E. and Charles E. Our subject has been School Director and has held other offices. He is a generous supporter of the Baptist Church, in which he was reared.

MYRON RIES. One of the most successful farmers of this locality is he whose name appears above. He devotes himself to general farming, paying special attention to stock-raising. His place is on sections 21 and 22, Atlas Township, Genesee County, of which he is also a native, having been born here July 31, 1842. He is a son of Andrew and Mary (Liscomb) Ries. His parents were natives of New York State. Our subject's father came with his family to this State and locality in 1836, settling first south of Goodrich in the woods that were an almost impenetrable wilderness. Their first home was a log cabin, and there the family lived for a number of years. He was the father of seven children, four of whom are living at the present time. They are Perry, Henry, Myron and Drew. The head of the family was a Republican in politics. His decease occurred June 9, 1890. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a public-spirited and enterprising settler of that early day. His wife and our subject's mother was called away several years before him. In their death the township lost one of its earliest pioneer settlers.

Myron Ries, our subject, has been reared to manhood amid scenes of typical pioneer life. It was not an unusual thing for him to plow up the new ground with two, three and even four yoke of cattle, and the work of hewing and burning out stumps occupied all spare days that could possibly be made. He received his education in the district schools of Atlas Township, but has supplemented his limited early advantages by much independent effort in study and reading.

Our subject was first married December 20, 1868, to Miss Lucinda F. Parker, a native of Michigan. This lady bore him three children, two of whom are living—Carrie L. and Ray M. His wife died April 4, 1876. He married his present wife September 2, 1879. She was Miss Mary M. Ward, a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., and was born December 25, 1852. She is a daughter of William and Elizabeth A. Ward, the former of whom is deceased; the latter makes her residence with her daughter and our subject.

Mrs. Ries' father was a native of England and the mother of Canada. The father emigrated to America when twenty-three years of age, and lived in Canada for a number of years. He subsequently removed to Jefferson County, N. Y., and finally settled in Tuscola County, Mich., during the late Civil War, and there died July 18, 1882. Mrs. Ries' parents had eight children, four of whom survive. They are John who lives in Tuscola County; the wife of our subject, and William R., also a resident of Tuscola County, and James E. By their union Mr. and Mrs. Ries have become the parents of two sons—Drew W. and Ward H.

Our subject remained at home until twenty-six years of age when he struck out for himself and purchased a farm upon which he is at present located. Here he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, which has been put in shape by himself. In their church relations Mrs. Ries is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, and both are active and elevating members of society. He is a Republican in politics and a man who has a great desire to see a purer state of Government and society. He is a member of the Board of Review of Atlas Township. Socially he is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees, as is also his wife.

WILLIAM McGLINCHEY. The gentleman whose name is given above and who came into the State in 1849, now resides at No. 119 S. Second Street, in Flint. After an enterprising life he has retired from business of an active nature and interests himself in such social and business projects as do not exact a great deal of time or attention. Mr. McGlinchey was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, July 8, 1849. He came to this country in 1838

and on first landing located in New York City, where he remained until 1849. For the first few years he was variously employed for a gentleman in New York City. In 1849 he came to this county and settled on an unimproved farm. He had previously married Mrs. Jane Philip, of New York City. She was born in New York. After coming to this State our subject was engaged in farming in Clayton Township for twenty years.

Our subject finally secured one hundred acres of good land. In the spring of 1870 he sold out and came to Flint, where he has since lived. He employs himself looking after his own private business. He is engaged also in lending money. He has here a fine home where it would seem that he must thoroughly enjoy life. While in Clayton Township, dating from 1852, he was for four years Justice of the Peace. He has never in any sense been a politician and did not seek election.

Mr. McGlinchey has been a member of the Masonic order for many years. He now belongs to the Flint Lodge, No. 23. In his religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church that is located on Court Street. To our subject and his wife was born only one child, who is deceased. Mrs. McGlinchey passed away from this life April 17, 1887; she was born in 1823. She was a woman of marked characteristics, and was much loved by all who knew her. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. McGlinchey later married Miss Lilly Burren, of Flint. The lady is a native of this place and a daughter of James Burren, of Mundy Township. He divides his time between his home in Mundy Township and this city. Mr. Burren was born in Devonshire, England, in 1823, and when twenty-five years of age came to America and settled in Wayne County, N. Y., where he married Miss Hannah Mercer. He was a farmer by occupation and remained in that locality until coming to Michigan in 1858–59. His two elder children—Naomi and William—were born in the Empire State. He purchased a farm at Mt. Morris and then in Mundy Township, where he lived until the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1889. His widow still lives on a farm. They had a family of six children. Mrs. McGlinchey, Julia, Frank, Charles, Naomi and William. Mr. Burren was a member of the Baptist Church.

Hugh McGlinchey, our subject's brother, and the only one in this country, followed his brother to Michigan and began farming in Flint Township, where he still lives on one of the old farms there. While in New York City our subject was appointed one of the first municipal police of the city by an act of the Legislature.

HON. JOHN L. McNEIL. Among the prominent and representative farmers and leading citizens of Genesee County, who have attained their position by superior mental qualities and owe nothing whatever, to the accidents of birth or ancestral position, is he whose name appears above. He was born in Chittenden County, Vt., October 10, 1813, and is a son of Charles and Jerusha (Lyman) McNeil, natives of Vermont. The name McNeil indicates that the family is of Scotch ancestry and indeed it is one of those clans that took so important a part in the border warfares. Of the representatives of the family in this country, our subject's grand uncle, McNeil, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and his maternal grandsire, Maj. Jesse Lyman, held an official position in the Vermont militia and gave up his life for his country in the battle of Plattsburg in the War of 1812.

Mr. John L. McNeil was one of a family of fourteen children. He was reared to manhood in his native State, his life being that of a farmer boy until he reached his majority. He received a good common-school education, laying a foundation for that broader knowledge that has since come to him. In 1836 he left his native State and May 1, of that year started for Ohio, driving from Vermont to Buffalo and at the last-named place took a boat, also shipping his horse and light covered wagon and intended to stop at Toledo, but owing to the bad condition of the port he went on to Detroit and later came to Genesee County, Mich., and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of

land on section 11, Atlas Township, paying $1.25 per acre to the Government.

Our subject put up a shanty upon his new purchase, which was seven feet square and not more than four or five feet high. It was covered outside with bark and that served as his place of residence for about one year and then he built a good log house, which proved to be his home for another year. Later on in life he built a good frame house, in which he resided until he moved to the village of Goodrich in the spring of 1890, where he now lives. During the first winter spent in this State our subject served as a laborer in a gravel pit belonging to the Hon. Enos Goodrich and also assisted in the building of a dam, where there were mills to be erected, receiving fifty cents per day for his work.

Had there not been the most urgent necessity for hard labor, Mr. Neil would probably have been very lonely and perhaps his heart would have failed him at times, for at night the stillness of the woods in which he lived was broken only by the screech of the wild animals, and the gun stood always ready, for bears and deer were plentiful. There were also many Indians, and he learned to make some queer shifts in living. He chopped most of the timber from his own land and employed three yoke of oxen in breaking up the land. Pontiac was their nearest point at which to get the staple provisions and the journey thither, with the slow but safe ox-team was painfully tedious.

The original of our sketch was married October 26, 1837. His bride was Miss Sylvia Davison, a daughter of Judge Norman Davison, formerly a prominent citizen of Atlas Township. The lady was born in Monroe County, N. Y. Mr. McNeil had a tedious journey to Lapeer in order to get the license. By this union there were three children, two of whom are living—Mary J. and Lyman, the deceased child being Charles. His wife, who was his devoted helpmate and counselor throughout the early and trying years of pioneer experience, departed this life May 26, 1884. She was in the truest sense a model wife and mother and her loss was deeply felt, not only in the family, but in the community at large. Her advent into Atlas Township was made in 1831, her family being among the first pioneers to settle here.

The Hon. John McNeil served at an early day as Justice of the Peace and held numerous other local offices. In the session of 1849 he served in the Michigan State Legislature and his constituents felt that they were represented with the greatest credit. He has always been extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising, paying particular attention to raising fine Merino sheep and generally having upon his place between two hundred and three hundred head of such stock. He also raises a superior grade of cattle and horses. Both by precept and example he has been one of the helpful and enterprising citizens of Atlas Township, and indeed one of the cornerstones of the social life of the community. Politically he is a stanch Democrat. While not a church member, he has deep respect for all consistent religious creeds and has been a generous contributor to the support of the various churches in the locality. The fine property which he possesses attests the success which his industry and intelligent management have brought him and it is with pleasure that we recall the comfortable condition which he maintains in life.

CHARLES G. MONTAGUE. There are few of the older residents of Genesee County who are unfamiliar with the name of the gentleman who forms the subject of this biographical notice. It is that of a man self-made in the broadest sense of that much-abused term—one who in his young manhood resolved to make life a success if it could be accomplished by industry and wise management. Many men who are successful perhaps do not so fully realize the fact as those about them who have been less so, but the present standing of Mr. Montague, socially and financially, should be a source of pleasure to him. A native of this county, he has been identified with its growth, has assisted in the development of the soil, and in the building up of the community. He

possesses those substantial traits of character which have been handed down to him by a sturdy line of ancestors, and his conduct in the various relations of life is such as to inspire the trust of those with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Montague has passed almost his entire life in this county, where he was born in Vienna Township December 5, 1848. His father, Daniel M., was a native of Massachusetts, and his mother, Mary (Pierce) Montague, was born in New York State. Daniel M. Montague, who followed the occupation of farming, was married in 1839 in New York, and here he and his estimable wife still reside. They were enabled to give their son Charles G., only a common-school education, as his services were needed almost constantly on the farm, and the educational facilities offered by the schools of the neighborhood were meager. When ready to start out in life for himself he went to work in this county, being at that time twenty-two years old, and was occupied eight years in farming, milling, and lumbering.

In 1873 Mr. Montague purchased his present property which was then partly improved. When he began he had no capital except a pair of willing hands and a capable brain, but he has worked his way to a competency and now owns two farms of eighty acres each, besides considerable live stock. Agriculture has been his life occupation and he has a thorough, practical knowledge of the best way of conducting a farm, the proper rotation of crops, and the kind of grain best adapted to the soil. So fully is his time occupied with the various details of his work that he has never been able to serve in public capacities and takes no greater interest in politics than to cast a Republican ballot at every election. The Farmer's Alliance have in him an active and energetic member, and the various methods adopted to advance the interests of the community always receive his hearty co-operation.

On December 25, 1885, Mr. Montague was united in marriage with Miss Lucia G. Bray, and three children have come to bless the home: Arthur C., Bertha M. and Charles Ralph. A native of this county, Mrs. Montague has passed her life mostly in this State and is highly esteemed in the community where she makes her home. Mr. and Mrs. Montague have a cozy residence to which their friends are wont to resort, and find within the walls the happiness of a true home. The house is commodious and tastily furnished, while without are the substantial structures which are demanded by first-class agriculture of modern times. The place is universally conceded to be one of the best farms in the township and stands as a monument of what can be accomplished by energy wisely directed.

IRA T. SAYRE, the genial President of the village and able attorney-at-law, who is located at Flushing, Genesee County, is he whose name appears above. He was born in North Hector, Schuyler County, N. Y., March 6, 1859, and is a son of Augustus and Sarah E. (Terry) Sayre, natives of the Empire State. Our subject's father was engaged in farming in his native State. He came to Michigan in 1849 and settled on section 23, in this township, in the northeastern portion of this village, where he, with his brother, Thomas A., took up one hundred and sixty acres of land. He remained here until 1854 and then returned to New York, where he was married, and in 1861, with his family returned to Michigan and settled on his farm with his wife and two children.

Our subject's father remained on his farm until 1890, when he retired from his active proprietorship of the farm, and moved to Flushing, where he has since made his home. His father was David H. and his mother Mary (Ashton) Sayre. The former was a native of Long Island and the latter of Ireland. They were married in New York and settled on a farm about 1820. Our subject's great grandsire was Caleb Sayre, and his wife Elizabeth (Halsey) Sayre. The former was in early life a sailor, and spent his latter years as a retired farmer. His parents were both natives of France, who came to America sometime in the seventeenth century and settled on Long Island.

Our subject's grandparents on the maternal side were Nathaniel and Sarah (Coleman) Terry, natives of Morristown, N. J. They came to Mich-

igan in 1868, and located in the township of Flushing on section 14. The father lived until 1879, his wife having preceded him to the after world in 1875. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and both he and his family were conscientious Christian people. Our subject's parents had three children, Ira T., Franklin P. and Julia M.

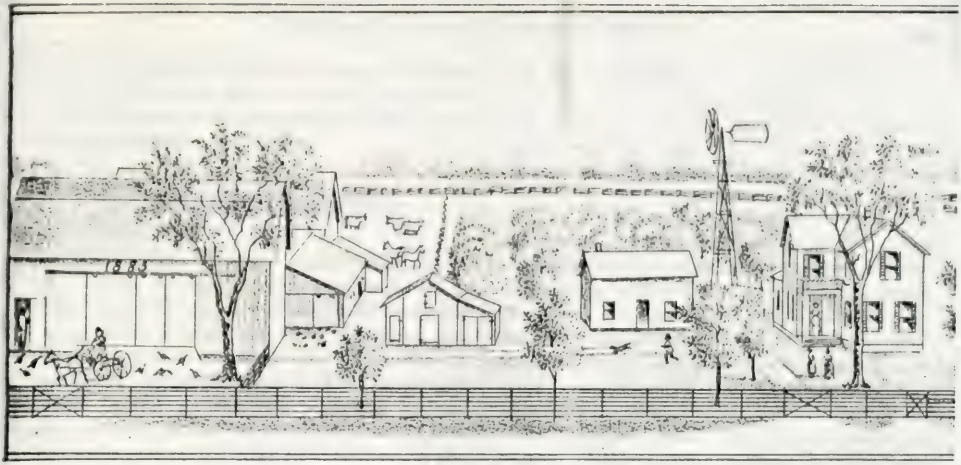
Ira Sayre was educated at Flushing and later attended the Agricultural College of Lansing, Mich. He then became a student of the State University at Ann Arbor. He commenced the practice of law at Flushing in 1881. Prior to his entering upon the studying of his profession, he was engaged to teach here, at Clayton and Mt. Morris. He has been Township Clerk for seven years, also Village Clerk for the same length of time, and Justice of the Peace for the last four years. He has served as President of the village for one year, and a member of the School Board for three years. He deals quite extensively in Chicago real estate, and has some valuable property in this township.

Our subject is a Republican in politics. Socially he is a Mason, having attained the Thirty-second degree. He is besides a Knight Templar and an Odd Fellow. Our subject was married in 1881 to Miss Julia E. Niles, the daughter of Franklin A. and Mary (Turner) Niles, natives of New York and Michigan respectively. The former came to Michigan and settled in Flushing where he was married in 1865. Our subject is the father of one daughter, Helen L., who was born May 13, 1891.

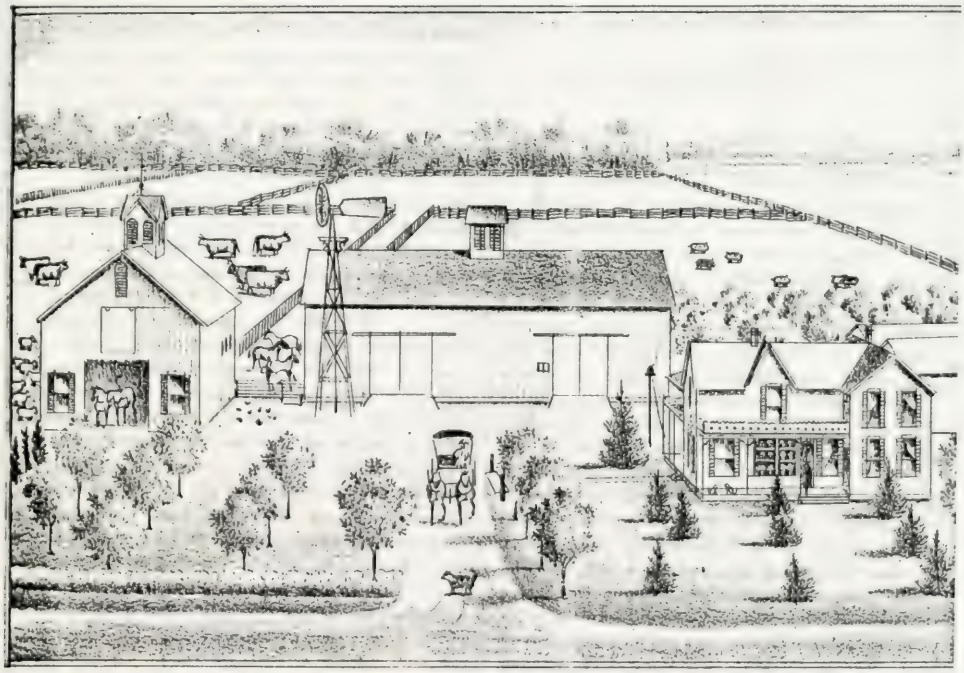
ELIAS JACOX. This progressive and enterprising gentleman owns the excellent farm located on section 17, Flint Township, Genesee County. He is a native of the Wolverine State, having been born in Sterling, Macomb County, May 17, 1837. His parents, David and Huldah (Spaulding) Jacox, were natives of New York. The father was brought to Michigan by his parents in 1813, when eight years of age and was reared in Wayne County, becoming one of the very early settlers in Macomb County. He died in Kent County, Mich., when eighty-five years of age. He and his wife were the parents of three children, of whom our subject is the second. He came with his father to Clayton Township, Genesee County, when he was four years of age and here grew to manhood. He has ever since resided in Clayton and Flint Townships, with the exception of two years spent in Greenville, Montcalm County, and having been reared on a farm has always followed agricultural pursuits.

April 2, 1863, Mr. Jacox was married in Flint Township, to Miss Adelaide Bump, who was born July 29, 1843, in Flushing, this State. She is descended from sturdy, patriotic ancestry. Her great-grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was taken prisoner by Gen. Burgoyne who, however, showed him especial favor on account of assistance he had given the General's sister. The parents of Mrs. Jacox were Elias J., and Nancy (Stewart) Bump, natives of Oneida County, N. Y., and old settlers in Flint Township. The father engaged in the mercantile business in Flushing and also operated an ashery. Farming, however, was his chief business and at one time he was the owner of four hundred acres of land. He died in Flint, January 8, 1884, while his wife passed away in the same city, November 30, 1890, aged seventy-two years and two months.

The names of the six children which comprise the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacox are as follows: Albert L., Leon H., William G., Howard E., Adelaide L. and Stanley F. The farm which Mr. Jacox owns and operates comprises one hundred and ninety acres, which are carefully cultivated and made very productive. A good class of buildings has been erected on the estate, suitable for the storage of grain and shelter of stock, while the family residence, a view of which is shown in another portion of this volume, is an attractive abode, reflecting in its interior the taste of the inmates. Mr. Jacox is an adherent of the Democratic party, and believes in the soverignty of individual power. He has served as School Director and is greatly interested in educational matters. Mrs. Jacox is a model matron, having the cares of her household uppermost in her mind, but in her the interests at large find an appreciative and ready co-worker.



RESIDENCE OF ELIAS JACOX, SEC. 17., FLINT TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.



RESIDENCE OF CRANSON CLARK, SEC 18., GRAND BLANC TP., GENESEE CO., MICH

An intelligent and amiable lady, she is a worthy representative of an excellent family and is well fitted to be the life companion of a man of such sterling qualities as our subject.

CRANSON CLARK. Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, counts among its agriculturists no one who is more conversant with the farming interests of the county than he of whom we now write. His residence is on section 19, and his birthplace in Mundy Township, where he first saw the light, September 6, 1844. He is a son of William and Julia (Cranson) Clark, the father being a native of New York as was also the mother. They migrated in 1843 to Mundy Township, and here became early settlers. Erecting a log house, they undertook the clearing and cultivation of eighty acres of land, but being without much means they suffered great privations and hardships. The father died a few years after coming hither, leaving two children: Lois, wife of William Fletcher, and our subject. The mother survived until 1873, when she also passed away.

Cranson Clark was reared to manhood in this county, which has been his home throughout life. He received his education in the district school and ever regretted that he did not have better advantages in that line, but has endeavored to keep himself in touch with the public movements of the times through reading and observation.

The marriage of our subject to Miss Hattie Robinson took place October 16, 1865. She was born in New York and is now the mother of three children, all of whom are still beneath the parental roof. William D. was born September 6, 1866; Ernest B., September 6, 1869; and Minnie L., May 25, 1873. For several years after his marriage Mr. Clark resided in Mundy Township, where he began his farming operations on eighty acres, but he gradually acquired more until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres of land under good cultivation. In the spring of 1872 he removed to his present farm in Grand Blanc Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are earnest and active members of the Baptist Church, in which Mr. Clark is serving as Deacon and Trustee and where he has been prominent as Sunday-school Superintendent. He is identified with the social order of the Maccabees and is a Republican in politics.

Of a peculiarly conservative nature Mr. Clark is nevertheless well known for his good business abilities and his public-spirited interests in all that concerns the welfare of others. He is the owner of one of the finest improved farms in Grand Blanc Township, which cannot fail in its exterior to attract the eye and command the admiration of every passing stranger. He farms not only with brawn but with brain as well, and follows true scientific principles, hence has met with flattering success. A view of his residence and the rural surroundings on his farm is presented elsewhere in this volume.

J. J. HURLEY. The genial President of the People's Electric Light and Power Company at Flint, dealer in wood and coal, manufacturer of soap and potash, is a man of many talents and varied interests. He was born in London, England, August 31, 1850, and is a son of John and Mary (Allen) Hurley, all of whom were natives of the great metropolis. Our subject's grandsire on the paternal side was a merchant, as was our subject's father, having his business stand in East London. Our subject's mother died in her native city in 1878. She had nine children, and he of whom we write was the fifth in order of birth of the family.

Our subject obtained his education at Bedford House Academy, in Marlin Row. The acquisitive faculty soon showed itself to be strong within him, for when a child of only six years of age he began earning money by returning the fruit baskets to the wholesale dealers, for which he received a cent apiece. When thirteen years of age he had acquired $400, and with it he started into the

fruit and merchandise business for himself. He was very successful and continued in business until twenty, but his success had cultivated in him extravagant habits. He lost his means, and being obliged to start anew, determined to come to America. He left Liverpool in May, 1871, and arrived in New York by steamer, a stranger. He came immediately to Grand Blanc, Mich., thence he came to Flint on foot and engaged in the livery business for $10 per month during the winter. In the spring of 1872 he started into business in partnership with William H. Fay as proprietor of the Sherman House. In 1876 Mr. Hurley bought out his partner's interest and continued to run it alone until 1879, when it was entirely consumed by fire.

He afterward purchased the soap works here from Mr. Wilson. He has enlarged the business. The first year he turned out fifteen hundred boxes, and now produces five thousand boxes per annum. He also engages extensively in the jobbing trade. Their factory is operated by steam power. In 1885 Mr. Hurley started into the business of dealing in wood and coal. He buys the timber standing, and cuts and distributes it at his own expense. He probably has the most extensive stock in Michigan, keeping twenty-five thousand cords of wood constantly in stock and coal in proportion.

Our subject owns an area of fifteen acres of land between the railroad and the river, and this is the site of his most important business operations. In 1885 he became the incorporator of the People's Electric Light and Power Company, and is at the present time its President. A. H. Gilles, is Vice-President; Romain Putnam, Treasurer, and A. G. Bishop, Secretary. Aside from these interests, he is an extensive owner of valuable real estate. He is half owner of ten residences built in 1889-90. They are located in the Fourth Ward, and the other half owner is F. P. Smith. Mr. Hurley also owns other property. He resides on Smith Street.

Our subject was married in this city to Miss Mary Flynn; a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Peter Flynn, a farmer at Mt. Morris. The original of this sketch favors the Democratic policy. His success is due to close application to his business and to the comprehensive plans which he makes. He has always made an effort to be prompt in meeting his monetary obligations.

LUKE BOYCE, a farmer of Clayton Township, Genesee County, lives upon a farm of eighty acres, where he settled in 1869. He is a native of Cambridgeshire, England, and a son of Luke and Mary (Morley) Boyce, and was born December 10, 1832. His father was a farm laborer in England and there spent all his days. Our subject is the only child of these parents and he was educated in England, not coming to this country until he reached the age of nineteen. After remaining eighteen months in New York he traveled through the Western States working on the railroads and brick-making.

In 1859 Luke Boyce married Miss Angeline E. Vice, an adopted daughter of William Guslin, but their life together was very brief, as she died in Missouri in 1860. In St. Joseph, Mo., he engaged in brick-making and remained there until March 1861, when he went to Nebraska, where he was employed in chopping wood. While in Omaha he enlisted in Company B, First Nebraska Infantry, joining the army June 11, 1861, but was transferred to Company E. He was in the service five years and twenty days, and during the latter part of this term was in the cavalry service, being changed by a general order from the Government in 1863, said order to the effect that territorial troops were to be mounted. They were engaged in fighting bushwhackers and guerrillas and during the latter part of the time were engaged in fighting the Indians on the plains and acting as guard to the stage coaches of the overland route.

Mr. Boyce was in the following battles: Ft. Henry, Ft. Donelson, Pitsburg Landing and Corinth and after that he went to Memphis and from there to Helena, Ark. Cape Girardeau was the next battle in which he took part. During the first skirmish in which he was engaged they took thirty-two hundred prisoners, and sixty wagon loads

of provisions were captured. He was never wounded nor captured but in the spring of 1864 he was in the hospital in Nebraska, as he was suffering from scurvy. After his discharge at Omaha, July 1, 1866, he came to Michigan and settled upon the farm where he now lives, in 1890. It was then all covered with timber and he has improved and cleared it and put it in first class condition. All the buildings upon it have been put there by him. He is ardently attached to the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic and is a Republican in politics. He is a Director of the school and in every way one of the prominent men of the township, being identified with the order of Odd Fellows and a stock-holder in the Clayton Center butter and cheese factory. His health has been greatly impaired ever since his army experience, and he finds it now difficult to attend actively to business and has withdrawn from most matters which require much effort.

MILTON PETTIBONE, senior member of the firm of Pettibone & McCall, is a liberal and public-spirited citizen of Flint, where he does a prosperous business in clothing and mens' furnishing goods. A resident of the city since 1867, he is a native of Michigan and was born at Howell February 7, 1843. He is the son of Roswell Pettibone, who was born in Rutland County, Vt., in 1813. The paternal grandfather, John Pettibone, served in the War of 1812 as one of the Green Mountain boys. By occupation he was a farmer, who early settled in the Holland Purchase, in New York, and later came West to Michigan, where he purchased a farm near Ypsilanti, now a part of that city. He was drowned in April, 1836, in Huron River during a freshet. The Pettibone family is of English descent and its various representatives possess the sturdy qualities of their English forefathers.

At the end of fifteen years Roswell Pettibone came to Michigan, where he married a few years after his arrival. In 1842 he located in Genoa, Livingston County, purchasing a farm and improving the same. During his active years he engaged in farming operations, but now lives retired with a son in Detroit. Politically he is a Republican and a man whose opinion has considerable weight in the community where he resides. His wife was Letitia Terhune, who was born in Cayuga County, N. Y., to John and Sarah (Depew) Terhune, natives of New York State and of Dutch descent. The mother died in 1881. Her eight children all survive and are people of influence in their several localities.

Milton Pettibone was reared and educated in Howell, his birthplace, and took advantage of his opportunities for receiving an education until, at the age of nineteen, he was qualified to enter the profession of teaching. One year later he engaged as a clerk with Jewett & Crossman, dry-goods merchant, of Howell, and acted in this capacity two years. In 1867 he came to Flint, where he clerked for Judd, McCreary & Avery, who were in the mercantile business. Five years after entering the store as a clerk he was taken into the firm as a partner, the firm name being F. W. Judd & Co. The financial venture was a success, but four years after forming the connection the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Pettibone engaged as clerk for Smith, Bridgeman & Co. two years. In 1878 he started in the clothing business on Saginaw Street, the firm name being Lewis & Pettibone. In January, 1889, Mr. Pettibone sold out his interest and with A. C. McCally, started again in business as a clothier.

At their place of business, No. 609 Saginaw Street, Pettibone & McCall carry a large line of stock, including mens' goods, hats and caps, etc. They occupy two floors, 100x30 feet, and are numbered among the solid men of the city. The residence of Mr. Pettibone on the corner of Third and Liberty Street is presided over by a refined lady, who became his wife in Howell in 1866. Miss Elsie C. Rider was born in Genoa, Livingston County, Mich., and is the daughter of Joseph Rider, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., as well as one of the earliest settlers of Livingston County, this State. Mr. Rider was a successful farmer and one of the first in the county to bring therein blooded and thorough-bred cattle. He

served as Justice of the Peace many years and now lives a retired life in Genoa. Mrs. Rider was in her maidenhood Miss Maria Fishbeck and was born in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone have three children—Bertie, Charles L. and Max M., all at home. Socially he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, is Past Eminent Commander of the Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, K. T., belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Royal Arcanum. He is a strong Republican in politics.

HENRY C. FAIRBANK, M. D., the oldest physician now residing in Genesee County, and a prominent citizen of Flint, is also notable as being one of the old Abolitionists, taking rank with the workers the party as far back as 1843. The Fairbank family came from Wales in 1632 and settled in Dedham, Mass., and a house built by those progenitors in 1635 still stands and is occupied by a descendant. The original and Welsh spelling of the name is Ffarbanchs.

Since 1846 Dr. Fairbank has been in medical practice in this county, first in Fenton, then for sixteen years in Grand Blanc, with one year meanwhile in Flint, and returned to this city in 1864. He was born in Rose, Wayne County, N. Y., December 20, 1824. The father, Zenas, was born in Walpole, N. H., and the grandfather, Capt. Ebenezer, took part in the Revolutionary War, and died in Eastern New York.

The father of our subject, who was likewise a practicing physician, began the pursuit of his profession in Wayne County, N. Y., in 1835, and the following winter came to Michigan and spent the first season near Ann Arbor, locating the following spring in Genesee County, where he took up forty acres of new land in FentonTownship, and also started a grocery store in the village of Linden, besides carrying on his profession. He was prominent in the township in public movements and also in the Free Will Baptist Church to which he belonged and he died in Linden in 1851 at the age of sixty-one. He was one of the organizers of the township of Argentine.

Lucy Wade was the maiden name of the mother of our subject and she was born in Connecticut, a daughter of Dudley Wade. She died in Linden in October, 1855, leaving eight children. The eldest daughter, Mary F., is now Mrs. Lamb, and is living on the place where she first settled in Linden in 1835; Lafayette, the eldest son, a farmer in Linden, lost his only son by death in Andersonville Prison; Frances C., deceased; our subject and Jerome Z. are next in order of age, and the son who follows them is Judge James R. Fairbank, who enlisted in the fall of 1861 in the Thirteenth Michigan Infantry, and after the war went West to Lincoln, Neb., of which city he was afterward acting Mayor, and is now Judge of the County Court in Valley County, Neb. The two younger children are William M., deceased, and Lucy C., Mrs. Dr. H. P. Seymore of Ann Arbor.

In the fall of 1835 our subject came to Michigan and the following spring settled in Linden, where he assisted his father to build a log house and helped to clear the land. He studied medicine at home with his father after attending the Linden School and after that was under the preceptorship of Dr. J. C. Gallup of Fenton for two years teaching school in the meanwhile to help himself along. In the fall of 1846 he entered the University of Willoughby, Ohio, and the following year began his course in the medical department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, graduating therefrom in 1848 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the long period of his country practice he forded and waded streams and journeyed many long miles on foot and on horseback and completely wore out a pair of saddlebags.

In the summer of 1864 an urgent call came for volunteer surgeons to be sent to the front of the army, and Dr. Fairbank at once responded, going first to the National Capital, then to City Point, Va., remaining on duty in the field hospitals for twenty days, the length of time for which their services were demanded. He then came back to Grand Blanc, but in the following November lo-

cated in Flint. He has been County Physician for three years and health officer for two terms.

Dr. Fairbank was, in 1849, united in marriage at Long Lake with Miss Harriet J. Waterman, a native of Binghampton, N. Y. Their eldest son, Henry W., who graduated at the University of Michigan with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, is now writing and publishing music in connection with the house of Bradbury & Co., of Chicago. The eldest daughter, Carrie E., now deceased, was Mrs. E. C. Green of Lapeer, while the youngest daughter, Jennie M., who afterward married Mr. Green, also died as did her sister, of consumption. The second marriage of our subject took place in Detroit and united him with Miss Mary A. Rice, who was born in New York State, and is a daughter of the late Judge Samuel Rice of Grand Blanc Township, the first Judge of the Probate Court of this county. She is a graduate of the Ypsilanti Normal School and for fourteen years had charge of the department of English literature in that institution.

He of whom we write is a member of the Flint Academy of Medicine in which he has served as President. He helped to organize the State Medical Association in its original form and belongs to the present organization and is also identified with the American Medical Association. For over twenty-five years he has been an official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is now Chairman of its official board. He is a Republican in his political views and in the early days was often a delegate to State conventions of the Anti-Slavery party of the State.

CHARLES E. McALESTER, B. S. This gentleman has been practicing law in Flint since 1862 and for several years has filled the office of Justice of the Peace. He was born in this city December 22, 1838, and is a son of James and Catherine (Miller) McAlester. The father first came here in the spring of 1836, from his home in New York where he had married. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and while he worked at his trade of wagon-making during the week, he preached in different parts of the county on Sundays until his health failed. For some years he was an invalid, his death occurring September 9, 1872. He left a wife and one son, our subject. Miles D., of the United States Army, the other son, had died April 23, 1869. The mother still lives in this city at the age of eighty-three years.

Our subject worked at the trade of wagon-making with his father for a time, and after teaching for about a year he entered the literary department of the University of Michigan in 1857 and graduated therefrom in 1861 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He studied law with Levi Walker and with Hon. E. H. Thompson and was admitted to the bar in 1862, but as the war then interested him he raised a company which became Company C, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and being made Captain of it they were sent South. They had to endure severe service and a long march of two hundred miles in Kentucky and on account of ill health he was obliged to take lighter duty. After four weeks spent in a hospital at Louisville he was detailed by Gen. J. T. Boyle as Judge Advocate of Court-Martial at Louisville, and afterward was placed with Gen. Burnside in charge of the defenses of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

As he had made a specialty of his engineering course at Ann Arbor he was enabled to take the position of Commander of the Engineering Battalion of the Twenty-third Army Corps, and finally acted as Chief Engineer of that corps during the siege of Knoxville and campaigns against Longstreet in Eastern Tennessee. During the Atlanta Campaign, when the army was a little south of Kenesaw Mountain, he was transferred to the department of the Cumberland, and was ordered to Chattanooga to organize Company B, of the First United States Veteran Volunteer Engineers, organized under a special act of Congress. All of the officers of this regiment were appointed after a competitive examination which he passed successfully and served with that body till it was mustered out of service September 26, 1865. During his connection with that regiment he was

engaged in building pontoon bridges, block houses, etc., with Chattanooga as the center of operations.

Returning to Flint at the close of the war Capt. McAlester resumed the practice of law, and was elected twice to the office of Circuit Court Commissioner, and later was elected Recorder for the city. In 1873 he engaged in the fire insurance business, acting as both State and local agent. He is a member of the Masonic order, of the Knights of Pythias and of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for eight years has been Secretary of his regimental association. In every capacity he has shown himself a man of marked abilities and one whose talents and character make him worthy of the highest appreciation. Capt. McAlester is a stanch Republican and assisted in the organization of the party in Eastern Michigan.

Brevet Brigadier-General Miles D. McAlester, the only brother of our subject, died at Buffalo, N. Y., April 23, 1869. He was born at Belfast, Allegany County, that State, and removed with his parents to Flint in 1836, and was there appointed to the West Point Military Academy in 1852, graduating therefrom in the Class of '56. Being Second Lieutenant, he served as assistant Engineer at Ft. Taylor, and on the fortifications of New York Harbor where he was promoted to the position of Superintending Engineer. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant and served with distinction in the Army of the Potomac as Assistant Engineer on the defenses of Washington, and afterward as Chief Engineer of the Third Corps in the Peninsular Campaign. For meritorious conduct on the field he was promoted in July, 1862, as Brevet-Major, and afterward as Lieutenant-Colonel and during his service in the department of the Ohio he was made Captain of Engineers in 1863. At the siege of Mobile he was Chief Engineer on the Staff of Gen. Canby —and for meritorious service was made Brevet Brigadier-General.

A short respite from his arduous duties was afforded by his detail as Instructor of Practical Military Engineering and principal Assistant Professor of Engineering at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and later he served as Chief of the Engineering Division of the Army of West Mississippi. After much study of the mouth of the Mississippi River he designed and built under contract from the Government the United States Dredge Boat "Essayons" which was completed in 1868 and was a notable success. His work, of which we have given only a slight sketch, made him a noted man throughout the army and great grief was expressed by the officers, especially those connected with the engineering corps, on account of his untimely death.

JOHN LAUDERBAUGH. Among the thrifty, prosperous and intelligent German-American citizens of Atlas Township, Genesee County, the worthy and much respected subject of this biography stands in the front. His parents, John and Margaret Lauderbaugh, were Bavarians, as he also is, and he was born June 4, 1819. He was reared in his native country and early undertook the work of a farmer.

At the age of twenty-four the young man served an apprenticeship of some three years at the stonemason's trade, and followed that line of work for more than twenty years in both Germany and America. His education was obtained in the German National schools, and he emigrated to America in 1849, taking passage in a sailing-vessel at Bremen and landing in New York. He first worked in Niagara County, and was there married to Elizabeth Ebler, and by her had ten children, only four of whom are now living, namely: William, John; Mary, wife of Charles Gehm; and Eliza, wife of Frank Miller.

Our subject and family came to Genesee County in the fall of 1856, and in the following spring settled on his present farm in a log cabin 16x24 feet in size, which remained their home for a number of years. In this deeply-wooded region Mr. Lauderbaugh has done a great amount of thorough pioneer work. For years his only draft animals were oxen, and he found them efficient, though slow, in breaking up land.

One hundred and forty acres constitute the estate of Mr. Lauderbaugh, one hundred acres of it

being in the home farm, and all this fine property is the result of earnest and persevering labor, as he had no wealth when he came here. His political views incline him to work with the Democratic party, but he co-operates cordially with all who are working for the best good of the community. Both he and his wife are identified with the German Lutheran Church. His son, John R., resides at home with his parents, and like his father is a Democrat in politics. He owns fifty acres of land.

MILTON B. STAGE. This intelligent and prominent gentleman, whose residence is at Clio, Genesee County, is now the County Surveyor. He was born May 4, 1824, in Stafford, Genesee County, N. Y., and his father, James Stage, was born August 3, 1791, in Sussex County, N. J. He was a farmer by occupation and owned a beautiful estate of one hundred acres in Genesee County, N. Y., where his life closed June 3, 1860. He served for two years in the War of 1812, entering the army as a private and being promoted to a Lieutenancy. He took part in the engagement of Ft. Erie and Lundy's Lane and when Gen. Scott was wounded he was one of the twelve who helped to carry him off the field and take him to Batavia. He was a large and powerful man, six feet in height and weighed two hundred and ten pounds. He drew bounty land and a pension from the Government, on account of disability incurred in the service. His political connection was with the Democratic party.

The mother of our subject was Mary, daughter of Joel Butler, a Revolutionary patriot, who commanded a privateer during that war, which vessel was captured by the British, and he and his crew were taken to England and suffered untold agonies in prison. He was so disabled by the treatment he received that he lived only a few years after his release. His daughter, Mrs. Stage, died December 10, 1856.

In the days when Peter Stage, the grandfather of our subject, began pioneering in Genesee County, N. Y., in 1800, he took up enough land to give each of his children one hundred acres. Indians and wild beasts then abounded and the Indian language was commonly spoken. The family had some narrow escapes from wolves and bears, who were so bold as to steal hogs out of the pen near the house.

Our subject is the eldest child in a family of three and spent his early days upon his father's farm. He took a three years' course of study in the seminary at Lima, N. Y., making a specialty of civil engineering and surveying, under that eminent mathematician, George C. Whitlock. After graduating he was for two years assistant engineer on what is now called the Pennsylvania Northern Central Railroad. In this work he acquired a good reputation for skill and received quite a recommendation from the chief engineer of the road.

In 1851, when Milton Stage was thirty years old, he came to Michigan and settled upon a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of land, which his father located in 1836 and which the son had visited in 1842. This is now one of the best farms in Vienna Township. The marriage of this young man had taken place October 30, 1845, his bride being Rosabelle Dorothy, daughter of John Cooper, an English physician and surgeon. Mrs. Stage was born in Devonshire, England, and came to the United States when she was twelve years old. Her first child died in infancy unnamed. Mary E., who was born December 28, 1849, is now Mrs. Charles B. Mann; Sarah L., born March 6, 1852, has married William A. Humphrey; Rosabella M., born July 6, 1857, is now Mrs. Lucius W. Stewart; Frank E., born March 12, 1859, died in his twentieth year; James, born January 15, 1867, died in early childhood. The parents of this family are devoted members of the Congregational Church at Clio.

Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in political matters is a Democrat. Since 1861 he has been County Surveyor several times and his repeated re-elections speak well for his personal popularity in a strongly Republican county. He has collected a vast amount of Indian

relics and curios from all over the world, constituting a museum of no small merit. He has done a vast amount of surveying in this section of the State, having done considerable work for Beers & Co., when they made a map of Genesee County in 1873, and also for the last county atlas that was brought out in 1889, besides making surveys for Geil & Jones, who made a wall map of Genesee County in 1859.

JOSHUA VOSE, a farmer of Burton Township, who for many years was an active pioneer of the county but has now retired from the burdens of life, was born in Bedford Township, Hillsboro County, N. H. His native home was on the Merrimac River, opposite the city of Manchester, which was then a mere hamlet situated at the Amoskeag Falls, but now is a place of fifty thousand inhabitants. His birth took place March 2, 1815. His father, Joshua Vose, was a native of the same town, and his grandfather, James, was a Massachusetts man who came at an early day to New Hampshire.

The Vose family descended from Robert, one of two brothers who came in 1638, from Lancashire, England, and in 1640 settled in Milton, Mass. The origin of the family was in Germany and the name has been changed from Vosieus to Vose. The genealogic line is from Robert Vose through Thomas, Henry, Robert, Samuel, James and Joshua to our subject. The grandfather was Lieutenant in the State Militia for many years and died at the age of sixty-five.

Joshua Vose had a farm of nearly four hundred acres on the Merrimac River, and was a straightforward, honorable man, highly respected in the community, prominent in political movements being first a Whig and then a Republican, and stanch in his religious faith as a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died in 1862 at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Shirley, was born in Goffstown, N. H., and her father, James Shirley, was a man of prominence there, and lived to ninety-six years of age. The mother of our subject died at the age of thirty-four years. She had four children—Daniel, James, Nancy and Joshua, of whom our subject is the only one surviving.

The banks of the Merrimac River were the scenes of the early life of our subject and after taking a good common school education he attended Francestown Academy but was never very studious, as he would rather work than study. In 1835 he left home and went to the South setting sail from Boston and landing in New Orleans. He then passed up the Mississippi River to the Yazoo, where his brother had started a store. He clerked for one season and was then taken sick and returned North, as far as Pittsburg, Pa. Somewhat later he returned to Louisville, where he bought a keel boat to use on the Yazoo and Big Black Rivers. This vessel was sunk in the river and the young man thus lost over $1,000. He then invested in a flat boat in which he went to Vicksburg and was having success in business but the ague again attacked him and drove him back to New England. In the fall he once more sought the Yazoo and during the winter carried on business there, but in the spring returned to New Hampshire.

After this Mr. Vose began lumbering and farming and in twelve years made $7,500. In 1853 he came to Michigan and bought pine lands in Lapeer County, and building a mill at Bay City engaged in manufacturing with Moore & Smith. A year later he sold his interest there and came to Flint, keeping his timber, however, until 1865. Since coming here he has purchased a pleasant farm which he has improved and thoroughly cultivated until it is now one of the finest in the county, having upon it a beautiful home, excellent barns and all the appurtenances of a first-class farm. It is known far and wide as the Vose Stock Farm. Since 1870 Mr. Vose has retired from his farm and made his home in the city.

In 1841, April 19, Joshua Vose and Maria Alexander were united in marriage in New Hampshire. This lady was born in Dunbarton that State, and to her was born one daughter, Mary, who died at the age of nineteen years in 1861. In 1842 Mr. Vose became a member of an Independent Military Company which was known as the Bedford High-

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landers and for three years he served as First Lieutenant and for two years as Captain. In 1831 he joined the Presbyterian Church in company with ninety others who at that time made their profession of faith in Christ and from that time to this he has been active in church work. Until he felt that he must resign he was for years an Elder, and useful in that capacity. He had long been a member of the Republican party and in the days before its organization a Whig, and voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840.

GEORGE M. DEWEY, who is the largest land owner in Genesee County, and one of its early settlers, began life here as a merchant, trading with the Chippewa Indians, with whom he became so great a favorite that they adopted him into their tribe and named him Awanagashick. He talked with them familiarly in their language, and they had such confidence in him as to accept his commercial paper in lieu of money. Later he sold his merchandise business to his brothers, Charles E. and D. D. Dewey, and began handling lands, which he has since made the business of his life.

The home of our subject is on the Dewey Farm in Mt. Morris Township, and embraces over a section of finely improved land. He was the projector of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad, and gave to its promotion such close attention that he broke down in health and had to resign his position as President of the road, since which time he has devoted himself entirely to his own individual affairs which occupy all his time. His genial face and venerable form are known throughout the county, and his portrait presented on the opposite page, perpetuates the features of one who enjoys the respect of all.

Mr. Dewey was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., January 1, 1817. His father, Ebenezer B. Dewey, who was born in Royalton, Vt., was a man of large business ability, owning and controlling about three hundred miles of stage route between Albany and Montreal, Canada. In 1815 he removed to Canandaigua, and in 1818 came to Flint; he bought a farm in Mt. Morris Township, and made it his home until his death at the age of ninety-four. He was a pillar in the Presbyterian Church, and served that body as an Elder. His wife, Harriet Meeker by name, was born in Hubbardton, Vt., and died in the Green Mountain State at the age of fifty years. The father married for his second wife Miss Gilbert, who died in Mt. Morris Township.

Our subject was the oldest child in the family, and had his training in Canandaigua, but later removed to Hubbardton, where he attended the Royalton Academy. At the age of sixteen he entered his father's employ, and remained thus employed until 1836, when he determined to go to Missouri. Stopping in Detroit, he was persuaded by friends to remain in Michigan, and coming to Corunna by stage he traveled on foot to Flint, which then had a sawmill, two groceries and a few log houses. In the fall of 1838, he inaugurated in Flint one of its first mercantile establishments, and early built up an extensive business with the Indians, having accounts on his books with them, and receiving and showing confidence. Three years after commencing in business here, he began dealing in lands, buying all that he could at fifty cents an acre, and paying cash for it, and afterward bought from the Government at $1 an acre. At one time he had sixty or seventy thousand acres.

From 1848 to 1852 Mr. Dewey was receiver of Public Moneys at the General Land Office in Flint and had to give bonds to the amount of $150,000. Much of his property was improved by him and he has cleared thousands of acres. In 1845 he began raising fine stock bringing the first sheep into the county, and later introduced Merino and French Merino sheep from Vermont. Upon January 1, 1857, he organized the stock company for the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad, and by his push and persistence he was able to place this enterprise upon its feet, so that he could obtain the franchise. He made out the survey and paid for it himself. He bought the right of way to Saginaw and then let the contracts for the building of the road of which he remained President until 1861. The city of Flint and its vicinity may thank his enterprise for their being favored with this road, as it would

have had another terminus had it not been for his shrewdness and far-sighted enterprise.

In 1856 Mr. Dewey built the Awanaga Block, and also laid out the Dewey Addition to Flint. He was married here in 1848 to Miss Ellen Cummings, daughter of Judge Simeon Cummings, of Batavia, N. Y. She came to Flint in 1842 with her brothers, and has spent most of her life here. Mr. Dewey was influential in securing a charter for the city, and was a member of the First Board of Aldermen. He is now a demitted member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in which he was the Second Noble Grand. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and was for forty-six years a Vestryman. In his old Whig days he voted for Tippecanoe, and has been a Republican since 1854. For some years he was a member of the State Central Committee.

CHARLES D. WESSON is a son of Leonard Wesson, who came to this city in June, 1844, and was a native of Millbury, Worcester County, Mass., where he was born July 11, 1818. Leonard Wesson, when a boy of twelve came, May 30, 1830, to Pontiac, this State, with an uncle, Mr. Sewell Wesson, as he was then an orphan, and in 1834 he went to work for a firm. In 1836 his firm sold a bill of goods to Avery & Co., of Saginaw, and he was sent with teams to deliver them, and at that time passed through Flint which was but a hamlet. The only white man then in Saginaw was a Frenchman who had a squaw wife. In 1837 he took a stock of goods up in the country and at Flint found a one-story shanty, and staid there for four months and sold out all his goods.

Upon attaining his majority the father of our subject made a visit to Massachusetts, and soon after his return bought out the firm of Leroy & Munson, giving his notes for $6,000. The following year he came to Fenton and bought a general stock of merchandise and several pieces of real estate. May 31, 1842, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Sherwood, a native of Detroit, and in 1843, removed to Clarkson, Oakland County, and carried on a milling and merchandising business for Mr. Morris, whom he also served a little later in Flint. About this time he went into partnership with Elijah Witherbee and established the second drug store north of Detroit, besides carrying a stock of groceries with it. Mr. Wesson's partner died and, about the beginning of 1848, he took hold of the business alone.

Mr. Wesson's marriage with Anna Dayton, sister of John Dayton, of Flint, brought to his home a helpmate worthy of his affection and confidence. She was born in Avon, Livingston County, N. Y., April 12, 1829, and is a daughter of Jonathan and Polly (Smith) Dayton., both of Connecticut birth. Mr. Wesson Sr., continued in business for some time with Austin B. Witherbee, and after that was in the drug business alone until about 1868, when he sold out and invested his money in lands.

Our subject was born June 12, 1856, and was here educated, remaining in the city until he reached his majority, after which he spent six years in New Lothrop in the dry-goods, drugs, and grocery business, and then was with Partridge Bros. in the line of groceries, and four years ago was employed as Secretary of the Castree-Mallory Co., which position he still holds. He is a member of the Masonic order, Genesee Lodge No. 174. His marriage, September 19, 1885, brought to his home a bride in the person of Hattie D., a daughter of James M. Johnson of Algonac, Mich. This lady was born in New York September 8, 1861, and with her parents came to this State when quite young. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wesson are devout members of the Episcopal Church.

JONATHAN LONSBERRY. Genesee County has within its limits many fine farms and successful farmers, but perhaps none attract more admiring attention than the well-improved place on section 9, Thetford Township, and the owner thereof, who is the genial Mr. Lonsberry. This gentleman is known as one of

the valiant defenders of the stars and stripes in times of peril, and the sacrifices which he made in behalf of his country form a part of his life record, of which his children have every reason to be proud. In his chosen calling of farming he has prospered, and on his eighty-acre tract of land may be found comfortable improvements which modern agriculture calls for. Since the time of purchasing it, in 1881, Mr. Lonsberry has devoted his time assiduously to its development, and the majority of the embellishments now visible upon it are the work of his hands.

The parents of Mr. Lonsberry were Jacob and Sarah (Coverly) Lonsberry, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Canada. Jacob Lonsberry followed the avocation of a farmer in Canada, where in Wentworth County his son Jonathan was born March 7, 1843. The latter passed his boyhood days in a manner not unusual with farmers' boys, going to school in the winter season and aiding his father at home during the summer. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn the trade of a cooper, and was thus engaged for some time. When he left Canada he made his way first to New York State, where he worked at his trade in Lockport and Buffalo, and by careful economy saved his earnings.

In 1868 Mr. Lonsberry came to Michigan, working at his trade first in Flint and later in Saginaw until 1881, when he purchased his present property in Thetford Township. Prior to coming to this State he was married, December 21, 1863, to Miss Jane Bennett, of Lockport, N. Y. Their happy wedded life has been blessed by the birth of nine living children, viz: Edward A., Eugene W., Alice M., Clara A., Sarah Jane, Cora B., Emma L., Archie and Edna. Two children are deceased—Flossie M., and one who died in infancy.

But we would be doing great injustice to Mr. Lonsberry were we to omit mention of his career as a soldier during the late war. He enlisted in December, 1863, in Company B, Eighth New York Heavy Artillery, and with his regiment became a part of the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Lonsberry participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part, among the most important being Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, in front of Petersburg, June 16–22, inclusive, Ream's Station, on the Weldon Railroad, first and second battle of Hatchie's Run, Chapin Hill, etc. There were many other engagements of minor importance but just as dangerous to the participants. After an honorable record as a soldier and when peace was declared our subject was honorably discharged July 11, 1865, and returned at once to his home. As a partial compensation for his services, and for injuries received, he is granted a pension. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, but has never sought office of any kind, preferring the pleasures of domestic life to the excitement of public position. Socially he is quite prominent in the ranks of the Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Industry.

PROF. THOMAS LEWIS BROWN. The gentleman whose name is given above is the oldest professor now connected with the State School for the Deaf. He is a remarkably well informed man one whose learning has a sparkle and effervescence that makes it most agreeable to the one with whom he is conversing. He and his cultured wife, who is a lady possessed of all the faculties and gifted with great fluency of speech, are the center of an admiring host of friends. Prof. Brown is keenly alive to the kernel of a good joke. His scholastic work is connected with the historical department of the Michigan School for the Deaf and in this institution he has made himself a high reputation as a man whose methods are unparalleled in his line.

Prof. Brown was born in West Henniker, N. H., July 8, 1839. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Smitt) Brown, both deaf mutes like himself. Our subject was reared in New Hampshire until 1851, and his home life was very beautiful. His only sister, now deceased, was endowed with speech and our subject attributes his affliction to the fact that when but a week or so old, a careless nurse let him fall upon the floor and to this his mother assigned the cause of his deafness. In 1851 our

subject entered the school for the deaf at Hartford, Conn. While there he showed marked ability and was the foremost in his class and in 1857 graduated with high honors.

Two years later Prof. Brown determined to follow Greeley's advice and came West. He obtained a position in the Michigan School for the Deaf and has been connected with that institution ever since, his professorship extending over a term of thirty-two years. Formerly our subject taught in all the English branches, but in 1890 was given the Chair of History exclusively, and now bends his whole attention to that interesting subject.

In 1876, Prof. Brown was married to Miss Sarah Hoagland, who was born in Scipio, Cayuga County, N. Y. She was a graduate of Elmira Female College of New York and for nine years was in charge of the intellectual department of the blind school, which has since been removed to Lansing, Mich. She was well liked by everyone and at her death, which occurred January 18, 1885, was greatly mourned. Our subject was again married, August 7, 1888, to Miss Grace E. Judd, who was born in Devonshire, England, and is a daughter of John Judd, a farmer of the same locality, who brought the family to America in the fall of 1856, coming hither on the vessel, "Rose," which landed in Quebec. Thence he came to Flint, but the following year was accidentally killed by the fall of a tree.

Mrs. Brown's mother was in her maidenhood a Miss Ann Crooke, born in Moreland Bishop, England. After her husband's decease, she reared a family of three children and now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, being seventy-five years of age. Mrs. Brown is the second child in order of birth. She was educated in the union schools of Flint and later learned dressmaking and had charge of that department at the mute school for some years. The second year after the location of the State Blind School at Lansing she became a teacher there, being in charge of the girls' fancy work department for several years.

The subject of our sketch has a very pleasant home located at No. 809 Grand Traverse Street. He has besides other investments that bring him a comfortable income. Both he and his amiable wife are members of the Congregational Church and he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

It will not be out of place to here add a few interesting facts regarding the family to which our subject belongs. His father, Thomas Brown, was born in the village of Henniker, N. H., February 25, 1804. His father, Nahum Brown, was a deaf mute like himself, but never had opportunity for an education, being far advanced in life when the art of deaf-mute instruction was introduced into America. He married Miss Abiah Eastman, a hearing neighbor who was of much assistance to him, and just such a helpmate as a farmer needs.

Thomas Brown, Sr., entered the American Asylum for the deaf and dumb at Hartford, Conn., May 22, 1822. His native town annually made an appropriation to assist him in paying his educational expenses until legislative action rendered it unnecessary by appropriating a sum to be expended "in educating such deaf mutes from this State (N. H.) as might desire an education." The town never had occasion to regret its outlay in helping Mr. Brown for he was thus enabled to become a thrifty, intelligent citizen and repaid the investment many times over.

Mr. Brown was a fine looking man and the following description also suits his son, our subject: He was tall, rather slender though of powerful build. He had a fine large head with gray eyes, high forehead, slightly receding, brown hair and a full beard of a reddish color. He was a practical, deliberate, methodical and far-seeing man, slow in making up his mind and correspondingly firm after arriving at a conclusion. He took great interest and an active part in politics and often wrote speeches to be read at political gatherings. Of religion he made no public profession until late in life. He had a keen sense of humor and a peculiarly dry wit of his own. He was always ready to do his share to forward any plan which promised to promote the welfare of his class. It was under his roof that the constitution of the New England Gallaudet Association of Deaf Mutes was framed by a committee of deaf mutes appointed for the purpose. At the second conven-

tion of the association held at Concord, in September, 1856, the Rev. William W. Turner, in a speech at the banquet, alluded to Mr. Brown as the Mute Cincinnatus of America, a title that clung to him ever thereafter. He held official positions in several societies that left lasting monuments of their being. He died March 23, 1886, his mind being clear to the last. So ended the life of a man, who, while he waxed neither rich nor famous, made his way through the world creditably and left his mark therein, having done much for his deaf brethren.

HON. MARK W. STEVENS is the Secretary of the Board of World's Fair Managers for Michigan, to which position he was appointed July 29, 1891, by Gov. Winans. This work occupies much of his time, as he has to be present at every meeting of the Board, and it involves much extra work. He was born in Argentine Township, Genesee County, April 1, 1849, and is a son of Bimsley and Mary J. (Faulkner) Stevens. The father was one of the early settlers of this county, who was born in 1823, came to the State in 1837, and died in 1886. He came on foot and alone from Detroit to this part of the State, and put up one night near Brighton, Livingston County, at the farm of Gov. Bingham, for whom he worked for two years. From there he went to Shiawassee County, where he married Miss Faulkner, and early in his married life came to this county. As he was a miller by occupation, he found work in the Byron Mill, then owned by Dennis & Kelsey.

The father of our subject bought a farm in Argentine Township, and remained a farmer there until his death in January, 1886. He left a family of a wife, our subject, and one daughter, Frances, now the wife of Timothy Wilkinson. For ten years the father was Town Clerk, and was Justice of the Peace at the time of his death. He was in early life a member of the Christian Church, but as that body disorganized in his neighborhood, he attended and supported neighboring churches.

Mark W. Stevens studied at the High Schools of Byron and Fenton, and began teaching at the age of twenty, and finally became the principal for two years of the Linden schools, after which he acted as traveling salesman for a commercial house at Detroit, and was afterward five years on the road, selling wagons and carriages for Joseph Beach, of Linden, his father-in-law. He had been reading law more or less for several years, and was admitted to the bar in Flint in 1881. In 1885 he was appointed by President Cleveland, United States Indian Agent for Michigan, with headquarters at Flint, and held the office until June, 30, 1889. During that time he had charge of all the Indians in Michigan with whom the Government had treaty relations, about eight thousand in number. At the same time he continued his law practice at Flint, and since he gave up that office, he has devoted his whole attention to law.

Mr. Stevens is often seen as a delegate at State Democratic conventions, and is an ardent supporter of the principles of that party, and is one of the influential Democrats of Michigan. During different campaigns he has stumped the State for the success of his party, and is one of the most effective speakers therein. He married Miss Mary L. Beach, of Linden, this county, on the 31st of August, 1871, and they have one son, Fred, who is now in the schools of Flint. Mrs. Stevens was born in Leslie, Ingham County, and is a daughter of Joseph Beach, a well-known manufacturer of Linden.

FERRIS FOREMAN HYATT. It is a familiar saying that we measure life not by years but by intensity, and if this be so, Mr. Hyatt may be called one of the most venerable of men, although at the time of his death he was only fifty-two years of age. Among the citizens of Flint he occupied an honored position to which his beautiful Christian character and rare talent justly entitled him. As one of the organizers and subsequent President of the Flint National Bank,

he was closely identified with the banking interests of this city and indeed, of the entire State, but while he was one of the most prominent residents of the place, he possessed the true modesty which did not aspire to official distinction or political notoriety.

Many years ago there stood a certain house on Elizabeth Street in the city of New York, which was especially interesting to Mr. Hyatt as being the place where his eyes first opened to the light. He was born September 9, 1830 and was the only child who lived to mature years, in the family of Clarke and Anna Hyatt. His paternal grandfather was John Hyatt, a farmer and merchant, while on his mother's side, his grandfather was Miles Foreman, a soldier in the Revolutionary War who ran away from school to enlist therein at the age of fifteen or sixteen years, and who subsequently served as Sheriff of Tioga County some fourteen years when it embraced about one-third of the State of New York.

At an early day the parents of our subject removed to Tioga County, N. Y., and made their home at Hyattville near Oswego, where the mother died. Clarke Hyatt served as one of the judges of the court of Common Pleas of Tioga County, and came to Michigan to look after his large lumbering interests in this State. His death occurred in Flint, where he had resided for some time prior to his demise. In his political views he was a Democrat, and a Presbyterian in his religious sympathies. The best of school advantages were bestowed upon our subject and to say that he availed himself of them to the utmost is but to state what actually occurred. His early training was received at Nichols in Tioga County, and at the age of twelve years he entered Oxford Academy where he fitted for Harvard. Four years after entering the latter institution he was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, after which he went abroad and spent two years in European travel.

Upon returning to the United States Mr. Hyatt came to Michigan with his father and embarked in the lumber and real-estate business. His first marriage, which took place in Flint in 1866, united him with Miss Etta P., daughter of ex-Gov. H. H. Crapo. Mr. Hyatt took his bride back to the East but their married life was brief, as she died within a year and was buried in Flint. When Mr. Hyatt settled permanently in Flint he aided in the organization of the Flint National Bank and became largely interested in real estate and money loaning. He erected a beautiful residence on the corner of Beach and First Streets, which has ever since been considered one of the finest in the city and which is now the home of his widow.

Mrs. Hyatt was born in Atlas, Pike County, Ill., not far from Pittsfield. Her father, Dr. Orin S. Campbell, was born at Chautauqua, N. Y., and her grandfather Josiah was a farmer at Parnesville, Ohio. His wife, whose name was Hannah Shepherd, was a cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson, her mother bearing the family name of Waldo. The grandfather was a well known and influential man in Ohio, where he remained until his death. Dr. Campbell was educated at Oberlin College and spent four years in the medical department of Ohio University. He came to Pike County, Ill., in 1837, locating at Atlas, where he practised his profession until the county seat was located in Pittsfield. He then removed to that place and built up a large and lucrative practice. He was a stanch Republican and an enthusiast for the administration during the days of the war, saying in word and deed to many a man who was hesitating: "Go to the war. I'll take care of your family." His death occurred in Pittsfield at the age of sixty-two, resulting from heart disease. His good wife Abbie J. (Glover) Campbell, was born at Westchester, N. Y., and is a daughter of David T. Glover, a millwright in New York. She now resides in Pittsfield, having attained to her seventy-eight year, and is an earnest member of the Episcopal Church. She is a woman of fine culture, broad and liberal in her views, and of rare sound judgment. Of her nine children seven grew to maturity.

When Phoebe Campbell was only four years of age she entered a private school in Pittsfield and after attending the common schools became a pupil in the Thompson School. She was united in marriage, November 1, 1861, with Henry M. Watson, a native of Pittsfield and a son of William Watson, who conducted the first store and hotel in that

town. Mr. Watson engaged in merchandising in Pittsfield and died in 1863 at the age of twenty-two years, leaving one child, Henry, who is now in the wholesale tobacco business. Her marriage to Mr. Hyatt, which was solemnised in Pittsfield, Ill., December 18, 1871, was blessed by the birth of five children, namely; Marion T., a graduate of Exeter Academy, N. H., and now a student in the University of Michigan; Clarke C., who also attends the State University; Anna E.; Jennie C. and Ferris, who are at home. Mr. Hyatt died January 8, 1883, near Boston, Mass., from the effects of malarial fever. For thirteen years a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Flint, Mrs. Hyatt possesses a consistent Christian character and much kindliness of heart, while her culture and social qualities endear her to a large circle of friends.

CLARENCE L. CASE. Few residents of Genesee County have had a wider experience of pioneer life, with its privations and dangers, its sorrows and pleasures, than the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical sketch. A native of Atlas Township, this county, he was born April 20, 1845, and having passed his entire life within the limits of the county he is thoroughly familiar with the various phases of its growth, and has been no unimportant factor in its development. While working for himself and his own interests, he has also labored for the welfare of the community and has become well known as an honorable and reliable citizen, active in every good work, and ever anxious to promote the material and moral status of the township.

The immediate progenitors of Mr. Case were David and Cassandra (Jones) Case, both of whom were natives of the State of New York, the father born in Niagara County and the mother in Genesee County. The father was by trade a blacksmith and followed that occupation in connection with farming, the most of his life. At the age of six years he was brought by his parents to Michigan, and with them he located in Oakland County. The mother accompanied her parents to this county at the age of twelve years, and ever afterward made this her home. She was a good mother, and endeavored in every way possible to fit her children for honorable positions in life. Our subject attended the common school until he was fifteen years old, when he was obliged to cease his educational pursuits and work on the farm.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, David Case enlisted as a soldier in the defense of the Union, and our subject was therefore obliged to remain at home and take care of the other members of the family. When his father returned in 1864, our subject enlisted March 23, 1865, in Company E, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry. He joined his regiment in Southern Illinois and did guard duty until he was discharged June 30, 1865, at the close of the war. After returning to Michigan, Mr. Case engaged in farming in Genesee County and by determined effort he gradually attained to prosperity. He received the cheerful and earnest aid of his wife, to whom he was married on July 4, 1867. She was known in maidenhood as Nancy A. Collar, and was the daughter of Thomas and Sophronia (Wood) Collar, a manufacturer of Thetford Township, Genesee County. Mrs. Case was born in Canfield, Mahoney County, Ohio, June 12, 1844, and as she and her husband have no children of their own they have adopted a child, whom they call Merle and who was born April 9, 1878. Upon this adopted daughter they bestow every attention as though she were their own and she is now attending school and being trained for a noble womanhood.

Mr. Case has been awarded success only after arduous exertion and as the result of patience, wise management and good judgment. He can well be termed a self-made man, and as he began life with no capital save his natural abilities and faculties of mind and body. For two years after starting out for himself he worked by the month, and it was not until 1870 that he commenced farming on his own account in Thetford Township. After engaging actively in agricultural affairs until 1881 at that place he purchased the property which is his present home and which comprises

eighty acres of finely-improved land. With the exception of two years passed in Saginaw, he has been a life-long resident of this county. Politically, he is a Republican and has served efficiently as Justice of the Peace, which position he still fills. His father and mother still reside in Pine Run, where they are highly esteemed, but his three brothers, Floyd D., Charles S., and Manly B., were all killed by accidental poisoning.

JOHN JACKSON COON, editor and proprietor of the Flint *Evening* and *Weekly Journal*, was born at Smithville, Peoria County, Ill., May 6, 1851. He is the youngest of four sons of Reune Runyon and Emiline Coon. His father was born at Piscataway, N. J., in 1815; his mother was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1820, her maiden name being Emiline McCowen. His father is a minister of the Gospel, having commenced to preach at about twenty years of age. He removed to Alton, Ill., about 1855 with his parents, where his father was pastor of the Baptist Church.

In 1861 the family went to Pana, Ill., and much of the time until 1871 he spent on the farm and attending school at Pana. In 1871 he entered the preparatory department of the University of Chicago and during the next few years his time was spent in attendance at college and working on the farm through vacation and also often during the school year. He graduated in the classical course with the Class of '79, and was selected as class orator.

His first journalistic experience was in the publication of the Chicago *Real Estate and Building Journal* in 1880. In 1881 he bought the Gilman, Ill., *Star*, which he ran successfully for three and a half years selling out at an increased price in the summer of 1884. In October, 1884, he bought the Belvidere, Ill., *Northwestern* and after a successful and most prosperous period of three and a half years he sold it for almost double what he paid for it and purchased the Flint *Evening* and *Weekly Journal* which he has conducted with success, making it one of the first in the State in influence and reputation.

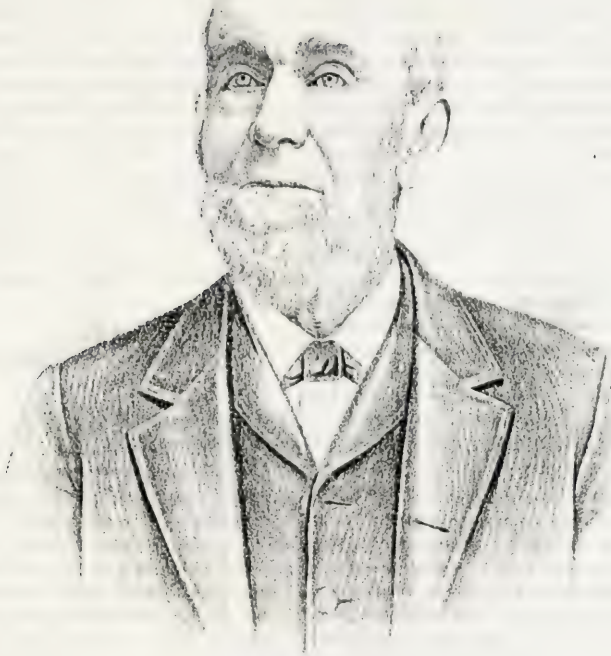
Mr. Coon possesses qualifications which specially fit him for the profession of American journalism. He has a love for the profession, a sense of the fitness of things, quick perception of the situation, a ready knowledge of human nature, and the news instinct—alert in the gathering of facts, and skillful in using them. His style is characterized by vigor, directness and force.

Mr. Coon was married December 8, 1881 to Miss Julia Hawley, youngest daughter of Benjamin Ruggles and Hannah Rosamond Hawley, of Chicago. His wife is also a graduate of the University of Chicago, of the Class of '80.

Politically he has always been a strong Republican.

LEWIS S. THOMPSON, who resides in Mundy Township, Genesee County, was born in Peru, Berkshire County, Mass., May 29, 1827. When he was quite young his parents removed to Monroe County, N. Y. and lived there for some nine or ten years before coming to Michigan where they settled in Mundy Township. His father was Lyman Thompson and his mother bore the maiden name of Julia Payne, and they were natives of Massachusetts and Ohio respectively. They both died on the farm now owned by our subject. Their family consisted of three daughters and two sons and our subject is the second child. Since coming to this county he has continued to live upon the same property which he cleared from timber and upon which he has placed excellent improvements and substantial and commodious buildings.

The first marriage of Mr. Thompson took place in Mundy Township and united him with Sophia Annabel. After her death he was again married March 10, 1860 to Evaliza Bell daughter of Lewis and Sarepta (Stanley) Bell. Mr. Bell was a native of the Empire State and Mrs. Bell of Vermont, and they came from Allegany County, N. Y. to Michigan and settled in Mundy Township where



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they spent the remainder of their days, coming to Michigan in 1854.

This worthy couple were the parents of eight children of whom Mrs. Thompson is the sixth in order of age. She was born in Allegany County, N. Y., March, 15, 1844. Two children were born to this marriage, namely: Frank S. who married Rosa Bentley and William E.

The declarations and platform of the Republican party embody the political views which Mr. Thompson considers most sound and best conducive to the general prosperity of the country, and he therefore gives his vote for the aggrandizement of that party. He is not only thorough and systematic in his farming but wide awake and enterprising and has made his home most comfortable and attractive. The buildings are excellent, the fences well kept, and everything about the farm shows the hand of a competent manager.

HON. JAMES VAN VLEET. Romulus, Seneca County, N. Y., is the native home of this prominent gentleman and he was born July 28, 1819; but he calls himself a thorough Wolverine as he came hither and settled in Gaines Township, Genesee County in 1844. His father, Jared Van Vleet, was born in New Brunswick County, N. J., and was of Dutch descent. He served in the War of 1812 and at the age of seventy-six years died in Romulus. The mother, Dolly (Swarthout) Van Vleet, was born in Seneca County, N. Y., of German ancestry and died in her native State. Her ten children grew to maturity and five still survive.

Our subject remained upon the farm attending the district school and working with his father until he reached the age of majority. In 1844 he was there married to Miss Mary A. Cooley, of Orange County, and after spending two years upon a farm near Romulus they came West in July, 1844, and bought unbroken woodland in Gaines Township, Genesee County. They soon put up a log house 18x26 feet and for months lived without doors, windows or floors. When Mr. Van Vleet established himself with his wife and child in his new home he had seventy-five cents with which to buy provisions. Hard work and small returns was the order of the day but the family managed to live. To crown their misfortunes the wife was taken sick in the fall and as there was no one to care for her the husband cut a road two miles through the woods to the nearest neighbors, placed her upon a bed in a sleigh and carried her to these hospitable friends to be cared for. With them she remained through the winter, keeping up meanwhile a brave heart and never saying she was homesick to return to the East.

During the pioneer days Mr. Van Vleet was for many years Supervisor and served also as Clerk. In 1864 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Legislature, to which he was re-elected two years later. In the fall of 1868 he received his election as County Treasurer which induced him to remove to Flint and to put his farm in the hands of a tenant during the two terms that he served in that capacity and also while he was Deputy Treasurer for four years. At the expiration of that time he was made Supervisor of the Third Ward of the city of Flint and was thus nine years in succession in an official position in this city, since which time he has dropped out of politics. No man in the county has served as long as he in the office of Supervisor and no one has held the office of Treasurer for a longer period. While in the Legislature he was Chairman of the Committee on Railroads. Since leaving public office he has drifted into the insurance business and has done a great deal in the line of settling estates, and in conveyancing and also places loans for Eastern parties.

The fine property of Mr. Van Vleet does not lie altogether in the city, but also includes a farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Gaines Township which is occupied by his son, besides pine lands in Missouri which will be developed as soon as the railroad passes through that part of the State. He is a stockholder in the Commercial Savings Bank and was Director of the Citizens' National Bank from the time of its organization until it re-organized twenty years later. His four children are:

Albert B., who lives on the old homestead; Jared, a pension attorney and real-estate agent at Flint; John C., who is a graduate of the University of Michigan with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws; and Ann E. wife of William H. Fairchild, of Swartz Creek. During the war Mr. Van Vleet acted as enrolling officer and had charge of the widows and orphans. He is a Free and Accepted Mason and a member of the County Pioneer Society. His politics are of the true-blue Republican stripe and he is often a delegate to county and State conventions.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Van Vleet accompanies this sketch.

JOHN H. HICOK, A. M. One of the enterprising practicing attorneys of Flint, is he whose name appears above. With his law business he also combines insurance, and in various ways infuses so much life into his enterprises as to be a public benefactor. Mr. Hicok was born in Cortland County, N. Y., March 25, 1844. He is a son of William T. and Elizabeth S. (Steele) Hicok, the former a native of Massachusetts, and born in 1814, and the latter of Rindge, N. H. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Arnold Hicok, was a farmer in Berkshire County, Mass. He was later an early settler in Cortland County, N. Y. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Samuel Steele, who was a teacher in Albany, N. Y., which calling he pursued for forty or fifty years. His great-grandmother on the maternal side, was a relative of Israel Putnam and Maj. Butrick, of Revolutionary fame. His mother still survives and lives in Flint, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Two children lived to be grown, our subject and Elizabeth S., who is now preceptress of the Flint High School. John Hicok was reared at home and attended the Cortland Academy at Homer. When seventeen years of age he entered Hamilton College at Clinton, N. Y., taking the classical course and graduating in 1865 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. He was in business with his father awhile as a banker, and while in that business he began the study of law. In 1879 he sold out his interests and came to Flint, taking up the study of law in the office of Long & Gold. He was admitted to the bar in 1879, and has since pursued the practice of his chosen profession in this State. In his insurance business he represents some six or seven companies.

In 1884–85 he was elected City Attorney, and subsequently served as City Clerk. While in New York he was Supervisor of Homer for several years. In 1881 he became the Secretary of the Genesee County Agricultural Society, serving until January 1, 1891. Mr. Hicok was married in Homer, N. Y., in August, 1867, to Miss Blendena M. Mathews, a daughter of David Mathews, of Homer. This union has been blessed by the advent of four children—John Holley, Elizabeth S., Florence and Edward M. The eldest born is editor of the *Copper Journal* at Hancock, Mich.; Elizabeth S. is a teacher at La Crosse, Wis.

Our subject has cast about his children the beneficent influences of an association with the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically he is a believer in Democratic principles, and is Secretary of the County Democratic Committee.

ELI BAXTER. Formerly a resident of Goodrich, Atlas Township, Genesee County, and an old soldier who served during the Civil War, the record that Mr. Baxter left behind him as an inheritance to his family is replete with noble and disinterested acts. He was born in the State of New York, November 8, 1838, being a son of Edward and Mary (Herrick) Baxter. While a boy he emigrated to Michigan in company with his parents. They resided for a time in Oakland County, and later on removed to Atlas Township, where he made his home until entering the army.

Our subject received a common-school education. He learned the boot and shoe trade, and for a time was in that business in Goodrich. He enlisted in the Civil War in January, 1862, in Company C,

Tenth Michigan Infantry, and remained in service until his decease, which occurred July 25, 1864. His death took place in the hospital on Lookout Mountain. He was in a number of skirmishes and was a victim of the exposure necessary to camp life.

Mr. Baxter was married February 27, 1853, to Miss Rachel A. Cummings, who was born in Erie N. Y., May 30, 1834. She was a daughter of Lewis and Elsie Cummings, and when a child came with her parents to Genesee County, settling in Atlas Township in 1836, her father being one of the early pioneers in that district. She was one of a large family of children, of whom the following survive: Mrs. Baxter, Orlando, Loretta, now the widow of Addison Mathias; Stephen, Edward, George H. and Nellie (Mrs. Rockafellow). The mother resides in Flint.

Mr. Baxter lies buried in Tennessee, where his spirit left the body. He was a man who was much esteemed among friends and acquaintances. He was a Democrat in politics. In addition to the comfortable farm of eighty acres which Mrs. Baxters owns in Atlas Township, she receives a pension from the Government. She is one of the active and working matrons in every good cause in this vicinity. She is a sister of Stephen and Edward Cummings, of whom further mention is made in another part of this work, and her family are among the prominent pioneer families of Atlas Township.

ROSWELL PRESTON. No one in this vicinity is more worthy of excellent representation in this RECORD than the venerable and honored septuagenarian whose name appears above. He is a representative pioneer of Genesee County and resides in Goodrich. He was born in Washington County, N. Y., October 23, 1817, and is a son of Levi and Sarah (Ames) Preston, both of whom were New Englanders. Our subject's maternal grandfather Ames is said to have been a Revolutionary soldier. Our subject's father was taken away when his son was but a wee babe and in 1834 with his mother and a brother he removed to Niagara County, N. Y., that being his home until the fall of 1836 when he emigrated to Michigan by way of the lakes. His mother and brother made the trip on the Canadian side by wagon. All met at Sandwich, Canada, and crossed to Detroit. Thence they came to Genesee County, this State, and the family settled on section 10, Atlas Township, and were among the first to locate in the town. Levi Preston had come to Genesee County first in the spring of 1836 and had purchased five hundred acres of land from the Government, paying the usual price—$1.25 per acre. While here he had commenced to build a small frame house and on the arrival of the family they completed it and settled in it. Levi Preston lived in Atlas Township until 1856 when he moved to Oakland County. While here the brothers worked together and during that time did a vast amount of pioneer work. The situation was a complicated one and the early settlers were obliged to plan comprehensively in order to effect the result which is seen at the present time.

Roswell Preston was married March 2, 1851, his bride being Elizabeth Nesmith, a native of Erie County, N. Y., who was born September 4, 1828. She was a daughter of David and Emeline (Wright) Nesmith, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. Her grandfather Nesmith was a Revolutionary soldier and her father served in the War of 1812. She had come to the wilds of Michigan to make her home with her parents when but fifteen years of age and accomplished the trip by riding and at times plodding over bad roads, fording rivers and camping out by night where they ran the hazard of being assailed by Indians or wild beasts. She was one of a family of seven children, three of whom still live. They are Winfield S., Mrs. Preston and Sarah, Mrs. Harlow Husted.

Our subject and his wife have been the parents of five children, four of whom still live. They are Emma, Mrs. Alexander Campbell; Caroline, Mrs. Frost; Belle, Mrs. Henry Parkis, and Grant E. In early days our subject was known as an unerring shotsman and has killed as many as fifty-one deer since settling here. He has served

as Constable of Atlas Township for a number of years and was Deputy Sheriff for one and one-half years. He was also Highway Commissioner and Justice of the Peace. A Republican in politics, he has been one of the stanchest advocates of the party in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Preston have arrived at years that perforce command the regard of the mass of people. Their experience has been a varied and extensive one and their struggle with the various contingencies of the position has been well made.

CHARLES RAUBINGER, of Mundy Township, Genesee County, was born in Baden, Germany, September 9, 1837 and remained in his native land until he reached the age of eighteen. He left Germany in the spring of 1851 and landed in New York City in April, remaining there for three months after which he removed to Pennsylvania, where he found employment upon a canal for awhile before going to Luzerne County where he worked at the trade of a mason for two seasons and then came to Flint, Genesee County. Somewhat later he spent two years in Shiawassee County upon a farm and then returned to Flint, where he found varied employment until 1862.

In April of that year the young man enlisted in Company A, Tenth Michigan Infantry serving his adopted country for three years, and receiving his honorable discharge April 22, 1865. He took part in the battles of Jonesboro and Bentonville and also in numerous skirmishes. In March 1863 he was made Corporal and the 1st of September, 1864 he was promoted to be Sergeant. When the war was over he returned to Flint and was employed in a saw mill until 1876. He then bought eighty acres in Mundy Township, and here became a resident. From time to time he has added to his acreage until he now has one hundred and twenty acres, half of which is improved.

Mr. Raubinger was married in Flint, Mich., October 8, 1866, to Mary Lynch who was born in Ireland, August 16, 1847. They have had seven children, namely: Philip A., Charles L., Frederick M., Mary E., John F. (deceased), William J. and Edward J. The parents of this household are devoted members of the Catholic Church and in politics Mr. Raubinger is independent. Since coming to this township he has followed agricultural pursuits and is making of them a success.

Michael Lynch, the father of Mrs. Raubinger, was born in Ireland, as was also her mother, whose maiden name was Honour O'Connell. It was in 1852 when they came to America and settled in Carbon County, Pa., whence they came in 1856 to this county, where they lived in Flint until 1863 and then bought a farm in Gaines Township, where they lived till their death. They had five children, of whom Mrs. Raubinger is the fourth.

Anton Raubinger, the father of our subject, was like his son a native of Baden, Germany, and there he spent his days. His wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Auchter, and she also spent her life in Baden. Their son Charles was the second in their family of five children. He is one of the best of our German-American citizens in this township.

WESLEY B. BANGHART. Among the prominent citizens of Flint, there is probably no one more in touch with that wide-awake and generous public spirit which has helped this city along the lines of education, philanthropy and general culture than W. B. Banghart, well known as the proprietor of Banghart Park, on Long Lake. He is also a dealer in pianos, organs and sewing machines. Mr. Banghart was born January 31, 1843, in Oxford Township, Warren County, N. J., and is the son of Philip C., and the grandson of Michael, a farmer of Warren County, who served in the Revolutionary War and died in Warren County. He was of German descent.

Philip C. Banghart was a farmer by occupation, and in 1845 he came to Michigan, settling in the the woods of Lapeer County. There he built a log house and improved a farm. In 1848 he located in the vicinity of Oxford, where he placed im-

provements upon another farm, and there resided many years. He died at the home of his son, our subject, in Flint, in 1884. He was prominent in the Methodist Episcopal Church and served as a local minister for a number of years. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations. His wife, Sophia (Mount) Banghart, was born in Warren, N. J., and died in 1877. Her father was killed in the War of 1812, where he served in our country's defense.

Eleven children were born to the parents of our subject, and of these nine are now living. One son, Theodore T., served in the Mexican War and was active in securing recruits. The scenes of the first recollections of our subject, who was the youngest member of the family, are of the primeval surroundings of Michigan, where he was reared in Oxford. He alternated attendance at the district school with labor on the farm, and remained at home in charge of the farm of eighty acres, which he purchased in 1864. Considerable improvement had already been made upon the place, and he erected a new residence and further embellished the place. In 1879 Mr. Banghart sold his estate and removed to Flint, where he took the agency of a sewing machine and clothes wringer company, and he has been a successful solicitor since first taking the agency. In 1882 he became agent for organs, and two years later, began to deal in pianos; he also does a large real estate business. In 1884 he bought a patent and engaged in the manufacture of the Eureka Cooker, selling the same for seven years throughout the United States and making the venture a financial success. In 1890 he bought thirteen acres on Long Lake, Genesee County, and this he converted into a park. Around the lake twelve cottages have been erected and the place is a favorite resort of picnic parties. It is reached by car one and one-half miles from Fenton, then by steamers across Long Lake, and is a lovely spot, picturesquely located and a quiet, healthful retreat.

In 1882 Mr. Banghart became the possessor of his grandfather Banghart's old home of two hundred and nineteen acres in Warren County, N. J., also thirty acres of woodland, and this place he rented until 1889, when he sold it. It was located eighty miles from New York City, and three miles from Belvidere. Mr. Banghart has a pleasant home at No. 920 Stockton Street. May 17, 1876, he was married to Miss Josephine A. Davidson. She is the daughter of the Rev. James F. Davidson, a native of Brown County, Ohio; her grandfather, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, died in Indiana. The Rev. J. F. Davidson was a prominent minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and for fifty-four years was never absent from a conference. For years he was Presiding Elder, and his death in 1885 was deeply mourned throughout the district where he was so well known. He died in Fenton on his seventy-fifth birthday; for eleven months prior to his decease he was blind. He was first a Democrat, but in later life a Prohibitionist.

The mother of Mrs. Banghart was Catherine Wittenmyer, who was born in Ohio, and was the daughter of Col. John Wittenmyer, an officer in the Mexican War. He was a merchant, first in Ohio and later in Berrien County, this State. Of his four children two are living. Mrs. Banghart was born in Detroit, October 12, 1846, and received a good education in the High School of Detroit. She taught music from the time she was seventeen until her marriage. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Banghart, Carlie W. and W. DuFay, and two died in infancy. Mr. Banghart has been a leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church choir since he was twenty-one years old, and has also taught vocal music. He is very active as a Prohibitionist, and is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JAMES WILLIAMS is Chief of the Flint Fire Department, which position he has held since 1875 and has commended himself during that space of time to the citizens whose property and lives he has been commissioned to guard, as well as to the body of brave fire laddies whose acknowledged chief and head he is. The department was changed, in April, 1876, from a volunteer to a paid body. In the first-named condition it had existed from

the first history of the town and had three hand engines. Afterward they purchased a steamer named "Col. Fenton," in honor of one of the prominent citizens of the city. Later they purchased a larger engine called "City of Flint" and at the time the paid department was organized they were in possession of two steamers and two hose carts, replacing the old engine with a new one which they also named "Col. Fenton."

The engine house was built before the organization of the department. It is a substantial brick block, 50x80 feet in dimensions and three stories in height, located at the corner of Saginaw and Third Streets. The department comprises twelve men, four of whom give their entire time to their work and the others following their respective avocations. They are named call men, although all sleep in the engine house.

Since the advent of the water works the department has depended for force mainly upon the force supply. The present equipment consists of two hose wagons, one hose carriage, a hook and truck and two steamers which are held in reserve in case of necessity. There are also five trained horses and all other accessories usually found in a well-organized city department. The sleeping rooms are on the second floor. The balance of the house is devoted to a fine council chamber. Everything about the place is admirably kept and managed.

Mr. Williams was born in Newburg, Orange County, N. Y., August 14, 1841. He is a son of John and Sarah Williams. The father was in business in New York, the family having moved to the city when our subject was young. He was there educated and then joined the New York Fire Department. He served his time and then received his honorable discharge from the Metropolitan Pay Department. At the time of coming West, about 1870, he decided on locating in Flint, and at once engaged in painting; he also immediately joined the fire department, in March, 1871. He held the position of foreman of the hook and ladder truck until he received his appointment as Chief, which position he has held continously without break ever since. He has served in this capacity with credit to himself and in the most satisfactory manner to the city. Most of the improvements in which he could have any voice have been made since his coming here.

In addition to his work in this direction he has been one of the Board of Alderman for the Fourth Ward for four years and a member of the School Board for three years. Our subject was married to Miss Kate E. Montgomery of New York City. He has become by this union the father of two daughters—Sadie and Ella, who were graduated with honors from the High School. Mr. Williams' ability in a business way and his integrity of character are vouched for by all who know him.

SAMUEL H. PAINE is a retired farmer living in Flushing. He is a native of Elmira, N. Y., and was born on the 13th of May, 1812. He is the son of George and Clara (Hill) Paine, both natives of the Empire State. The former was a general workman. They lived and died in Elmira. They were both members of the Baptist Church, and were the parents of twelve children, four of whom still survive. They are our subject, George, Edward and Sarah, who is Mrs. Parker. Another brother now deceased, was an editor of the Elmira *Gazette*. Our subject's father was a son of Brinton Paine, a native of England. He was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Paine's maternal grandsire, David Hill, was a native of Ireland. He lived at Bainbridge, N. Y.

The subject of this sketch is self-educated. When ten years of age he went to Fountain County, Ind., with Frederick C. Paine, and remained with him until twenty years of age. He then returned to his old home, a distance of one thousand miles, on horseback, the journey occupying twenty days. He spent three weeks in visiting his parents and then went to learn the blacksmith's trade. He was at once engaged as a helper, and received $9 per month for his work. Later he engaged with his brother David in the blacksmithing business and followed that business for ten years.

In 1844 our subject sold out his business in New York, and coming to Michigan, located in Flushing. He here purchased a shop which he continued to run for fifteen years. Prior to coming to Michigan he had purchased eighty acres of land in Flushing Township. While living in the village, he bought a farm which is now part of the village. It comprised fifty-two acres and is now owned by George Newell. Mr. Paine has erected a good many buildings in the village, and during the past six years has been particularly interested in building up the town, as he has retired from the active pursuit of his trade during that time.

Our subject was married in 1832, to Miss Susan Criphen. Three children were born to these parents: Arminda, Mrs. H. Ramson; William, who married Ann Richardson, and is the father of six children; and Decatur, a harness-maker in Flint. Mrs. Susan Paine died January 11, 1867. Our subject was again married November 9, 1875, to Mrs. Eunice Woodford, of Wyoming County, N. Y. She is a daughter of John and Chloe (Huskins) Newall, natives of New York and Connecticut, respectively. Mrs. Paine was educated in Bennington, Wyoming County, N. Y.

He of whom we write favors the policy as adopted by the Republican party. He is one of the few capable men who have no desire to figure in public office, and although he has frequently been pressed to become a candidate to various offices, he has invariably refused to accept the honor. Mr. and Mrs. Paine are socially the leading people of this district. They have a beautiful home on Beach Street.

PAUL H. STEWART. A volume containing biographical sketches of the representative citizens of Flint would be incomplete without considerable mention of the gentleman whose name introduces these paragraphs. One of the influential, early settlers of this city, he came to the township of Flint in 1853 and purchased a partially-improved farm, which was his home for two years. He then came to the growing town of Flint and engaged in the hardware business on Saginaw Street, where he continued successfully for about twelve years. Later he engaged in loaning money and upon the organization of the First National Bank he became a stockholder and Director, in which capacity he has since served.

Mr. Stewart still continues in business as a real-estate agent and money loaner and there is, perhaps, no citizen of Flint more completely identified with its varied interests than he. His commodious residence is pleasantly located on the corner of Saginaw and Third Streets, and with its pretty lawn and tasteful furnishings forms one of the prettiest homes in the city. The lawn formerly extended over the entire block, but Mr. Stewart sold two lots to the Presbyterian Church; enough ground, however, remains to make of the place one of the most charming spots in the community. Mr. Stewart is mainly interested in real estate and considerable business property passes through his hands. Notwithstanding his extensive business interests, he finds sufficient time to serve the people in a public capacity, and as Justice of the Peace and Supervisor for the Third Ward he has contributed to the development of the city. Socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

A native of Vermont, Mr. Stewart was born in Williston, Chittendon County, June 21, 1809, and is the son of Calvin and Eleanor (Taylor) Stewart. Our subject was only two and one-half years old when he was taken by his parents to Smyrna, Chenango County, N. Y., and there he grew to maturity and gained a good common-school education. In that county his parents spent their remaining years and finally passed from the busy scenes of earth. When he attained to maturity our subject engaged as a carpenter and joiner, and when he had accumulated enough to establish a home of his own he chose as his helpmate Miss Luceba Kendall, of Gaines, Orleans County, N. Y. Their marriage, which was solemnized in 1836, was of brief duration, being brought to a close in 1850 by the death of Mrs. Stewart.

In 1853 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage with Miss Adeline M. Mather, the daughter of James Mather, of Gaines, Orleans County, N. Y.

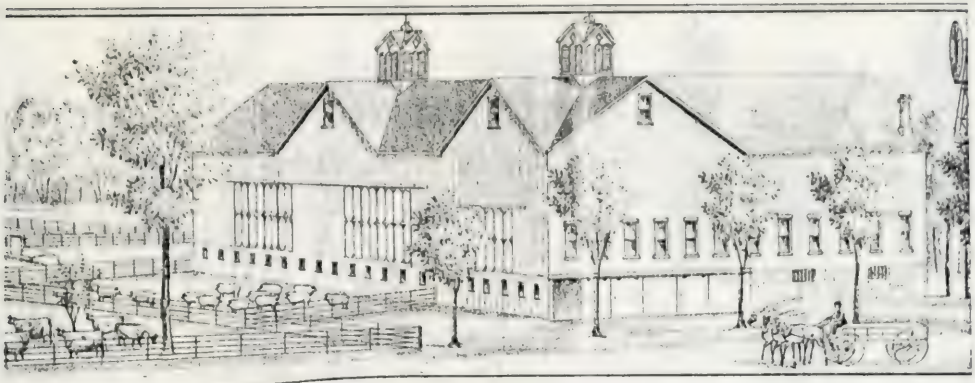
Mr. Mather was a farmer and business man and he and his wife both passed from earth in Orleans County. The same year which witnessed the marriage of Mr. Stewart and Miss Mather marked their arrival in Michigan and Genesee County. Here they have ever lived, esteemed by all who made their acquaintance. A great sorrow came to Mr. Stewart in January, 1890, when his beloved wife died. She was born in 1819 and was therefore seventy-one years old at the time of her demise. A woman of great kindness of heart and nobility of character, she was beloved not only by those nearest to her, but by all the residents of the community. Mr. Stewart is a Christian and has been vestryman and warden of the Episcopal Church, to which he belongs.

DANIEL CALKINS, one of the best and most extensive farmers in Clayton Township, and indeed in Genesee County, has a farm of five hundred acres, and one of the handsomest houses of the county. His extensive and well equipped barn covers ninety-five hundred square feet, and the basement extends under the entire structure. The building has thirty-foot posts, and is constructed for the comfort and accommodation of his stock. He is a native of Genesee County, N. Y., and was born January 19, 1811. His parents were Caleb and Caroline (Piper) Calkins. The former was a New Hampshire man, and a descendant of a good old Welsh family who came to this country generations ago. His father, Caleb, Sr., died in April, 1804, while this son was born November 26, 1804, so that he never knew a father's care. The elder Caleb died at the age of forty-five, and was one of a family of seven brothers, all of whom except him, lived to a good old age, attaining from seventy to one hundred and four years.

Caroline Piper, who became the wife of Caleb Calkins, Jr., was born June 12, 1804, in Cincinnati, and was the daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Lucas) Piper. Her father was of German descent, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was four times married. By his first marriage, which was with Betsey Lucas, and took place in 1795, he had five children—Betsey, Olive, Dimmis, Mercy and Caroline. Their mother died in June, 1805, and in 1806 he took for his second wife, Miss Annie Coville, who bore him nine children, namely: Polly, Nelson, Matilda, Maletta, Ann, Eliza, William, Fannie and George. This youngest son was a soldier in the Union Army, and being captured by the rebels and incarcerated in Libby Prison, died from starvation. After the death of Mrs. Annie Piper, her husband married a lady by the name of Thayer, and subsequent to her decease and after he had passed the age of eighty years, Mr. Piper was married in 1854, to a Miss Farr. He died in 1860, having attained the age of eighty-six years.

The parents of our subject were married in the Green Mountain State February 22, 1825, and the following spring they removed to Wheatland Township, Monroe County, N. Y., and later removed to Oakfield, where, with a brother Daniel, Caleb Calkins purchased a farm in the wilderness at a time when that country was overrun by wolves and Indians. Somewhat later he came West with his father-in-law prospecting in Michigan, and in traveling through Calhoun County on foot, they sold pins, needles and notions to pay expenses. He purchased a farm and returned to New York and lived for a number of years in Alabama Township, Genesee County. In 1840 he exchanged properties with his brother Daniel, taking in exchange one hundred and sixty acres in Clayton Township, Genesee County, this State. The following spring he sent his household goods on by lake, and with an emigrant wagon and a good span of horses, he started with his family to found a home in Michigan, traveling through Canada, crossing into Michigan at Detroit, reaching his new home in October.

This family in their migration were accompanied by Mrs. Sherman Fletcher (a sister of Mrs. Calkins) whose husband had preceded the rest of the party for the purpose of having a house ready for their joint occupancy before the party arrived. He had failed in completing this endeavor, and the two families moved in with Samuel Wickham for a few days until the Fletcher house was ready. Mr. Calkins traded his team of horses with Mr. Jairus



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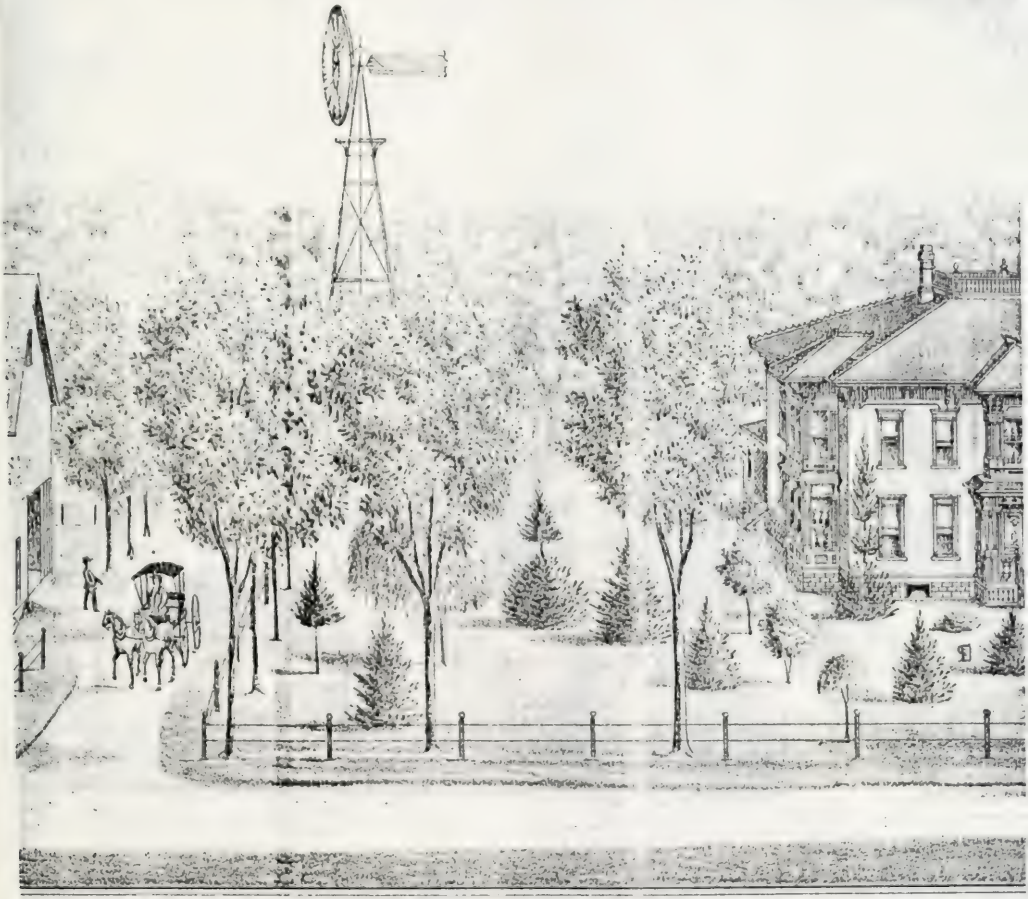

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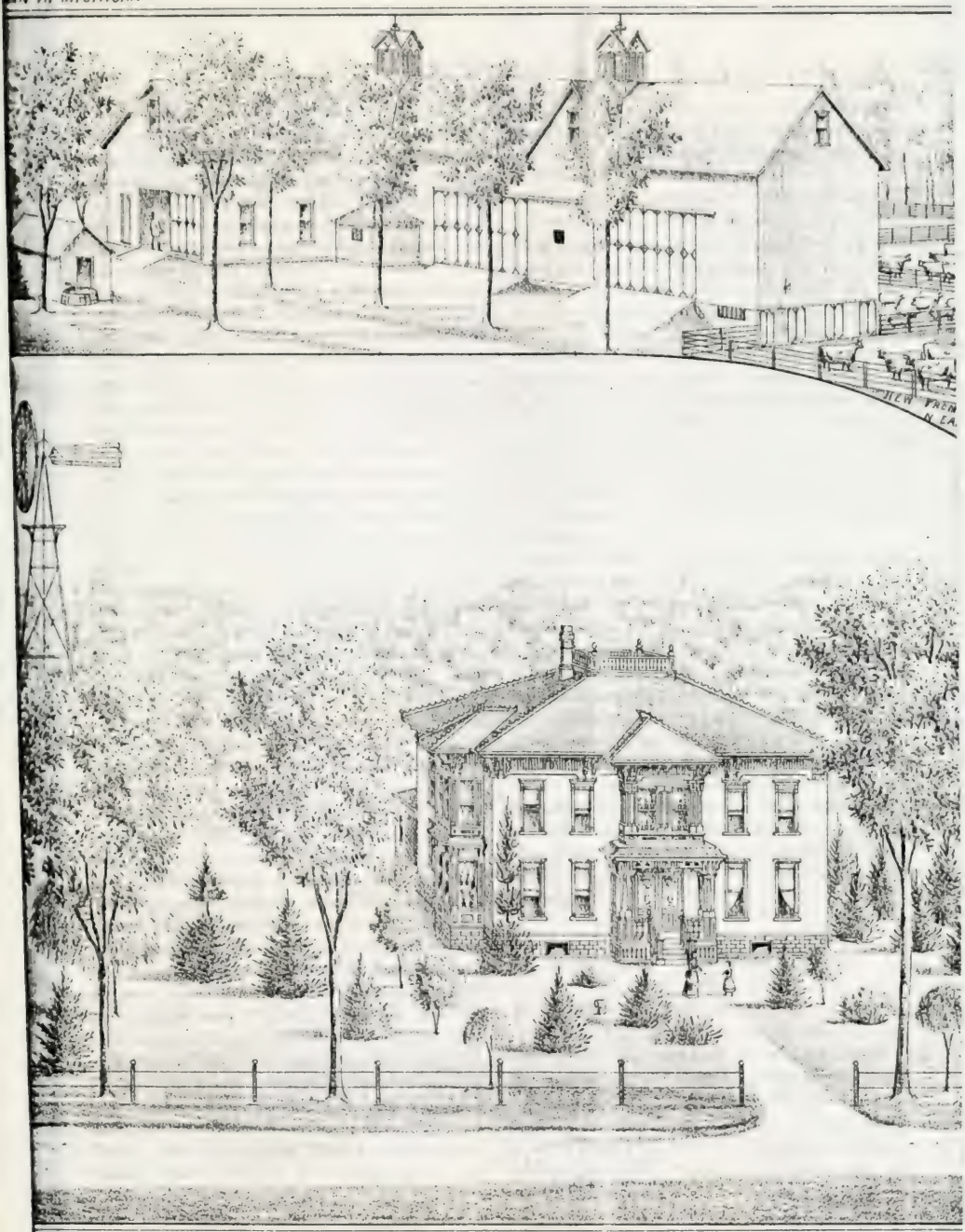

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Bailey, receiving in exchange a team of oxen, a cow, a hog, and lumber for his house. In three weeks he had his house up and the family settled in it. During the years of 1841-42 fodder could not be obtained for the cattle, and they were forced to live upon browse or tender twigs of trees that were felled for that purpose.

In January, 1843 both flour and money were exhausted and in order to tide them over the emergency, Mr. Calkins purchased a load of lumber giving his note for the same, and then hired a man to draw it to Milford, where it was traded for two barrels of flour of a very poor quality. After the next harvest he gave forty bushels of wheat to settle this note. In 1848 he sent his eldest son to Pontiac with a load of wheat and he returned with a load of apples which were the first brought into this township. Mr. Calkins was fond of hunting, and supplied his own and his neighbors' tables with venison. He built the first frame barn in the township, and also the first schoolhouse, and to its raising came every man in Clayton Township, and many from the adjoining townships of Flushing and Flint. He also set out the first orchard in Clayton Township when our subject was only seven years old.

Caleb Calkins varied the monotony of farm life, and filled up every moment of time by working among his neighbors at shoe-making, coopering and carpentering. He was honored by his fellow-citizens in being called to fill the offices of School Inspector and Justice of the peace. He and his estimable wife were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of their truly religious faith, their daily life spoke more eloquently than words. They passed from earth in full hope of a resurrection, and blessed by the loving regards of their friends and acquaintances. His death occurred August 5, 1860, and that of his wife November 12, 1863. Six of their thirteen children are now living, namely: Edmund, Daniel, Elijah, Elisha, Mrs. A. M. Felt, of Mt. Morris, and James H., of Owosso. Of those who passed from earth, Edmund, Rosina and Matilda, died in their early years in New York, and Edwin and Caroline (wife of William Morris), died in Clayton, while Dimmis (wife of Thomas Morris), died in Flint, and John W. was a soldier in Company H, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and died a soldier's death, in August, 1864, at Carterville, Ga.

Our subject was educated in common schools of his township in the frame schoolhouse, which was built by his father and his younger days was spent upon the farm with his parents. He has cleared as many as four hundred acres of land, and now has five hundred acres upon which he makes his home. On another page appears a view of his residence, which is a beautiful one, built six years ago; his barn covers about twice as much space as any in the county, and the two buildings together cost over $15,000. Upon his other farm on section 14, he has three barns and two dwelling houses. He was formerly a heavy cattle feeder, and is now a a sheep feeder. He has a fine herd of Short-horns and Durhams, and keeps also five roadsters and draft teams.

Daniel Calkins was married in 1866 to Eunice, daughter of Doty and Ernest A. (Persons) Newell. Her parents were New Yorkers by birth, but early became settlers in this county, and lived in Clayton Township until their death. One child has been born of this union, a daughter, Nellie. Mr. Calkins is neutral in politics. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is a member of Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, K. T. He is interested in the best development of the township, and has helped to build churches and schoolhouses. He has seen this beautiful and thickly populated country grow up from an unbroken wilderness, and throughout his life has been prominent in every enterprise and project for the betterment of the community.

WILLIAM SCHRAM. One of the pioneers of Flushing Township, Genesee County, who has witnessed the various stages of its development and growth, and has been an active participant in all its enterprises, is he whose name appears above. He is a farmer, owning eighty acres on section 36, Flushing Township, and ninety acres on section 31, Mt. Morris Township. He was

born in Jefferson County, N. Y., April 12, 1822, and is a son of John and Mary (Edick) Schram, natives of New York. They came to Michigan in 1836 and settled in Burton Township, Genesee County, where the father took up one hundred and twenty acres of timber land from the Government. He built upon it a log house, 20x26 feet in dimensions, and commenced clearing his land. He later built a fine farm house and lived in it some forty-five years. He then moved into the city of Flint, retiring from active agricultural life, and there lived until his decease. Our subject's mother died on the farm. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. There was a family of eight children, six now living—Isaac, Truman, William, James, David and Mary J.

At an early day our subject went to Detroit to to market, and there paid $25 per barrel for pork and $14 for flour. They did their own grinding, inventing mill wheels that were at least original. They cut off a black oak and burnt out the center of the stump, and at a distance of ten feet from that was set up a crotched stick similar to an old-fashioned well sweep, and to the place where the bucket would naturally hang they fixed a block that mashed or pulverized the corn. Our subject graduated from a log schoolhouse in Burton Township, Genesee County, and spent three months at Grand Blanc. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, and then worked out by the month and by the contract for twelve years. He then purchased a tract of land on section 16, Grand Blanc Township, all being oak openings. He built thereon a frame house and lived in it for three years. He then sold his place and bought where he now lives, in 1856.

The farm whereon our subject lives was somewhat improved. He has finished the work that was begun, and has made of it a beautiful farm. He was married, December 15, 1852, to Miss Harriet Harrison, of Flint. She was born in Wayne County, N. Y., in 1828, and is the daughter of Rufus and Sarah Harrison, natives of Connecticut and Canada respectively. They came to Michigan in 1836 and settled in Flushing Township. Mrs. Schram's father died in 1856; the mother still lives and makes her home with her daughter. She is now ninety years of age. Our subject had one son George, who died at the age of twenty-nine years. Mr. Schram is a Republican in politics. His wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church. They are respected by all classes of people. Mrs. Schram's father built the first house in the town of Flushing.

GEORGE RAAB. The popular Supervisor of the Fourth Ward of Flint, whose claim to public consideration is well founded upon his bravery and loyalty as a soldier, who served his country faithfully in the late war, and who was in the Fourth Michigan Cavalry, is he whose name appears above. As a supplementary work he handles at the present time Stanley's remarkable book. Mr. Raab was born at Wetzlar, Germany, in the Province of Nassau, March 17, 1846. He is a son of Eberhardt and Catherine E. (Zimmerman) Raab.

Our subject's father was a tailor by trade and his father was a farmer by calling; he was also a soldier in the Napoleonic wars. Late in life he came to America and spent his last days in Flint; he was seventy-nine years of age at the time of his decease. Eberhardt Raab brought his family to America in the spring of 1855, making the voyage on the sailing vessel "Republic," in which they were confined for forty-two days, being overtaken by a calm that lasted three weeks. The family located in Wyoming County, N. Y., in the town of Strykersville, where the father was employed as a tanner. In 1858 they removed to Flint, Genesee County, Mich., and here Mr. Raab was employed at his own trade, that of a merchant tailor, and lived until 1890, when he removed to Caro, which is now his place of residence. He is sixty-eight years old.

Catherine Raab died in 1876 leaving two children, of whom our subject is the elder; the younger, Jacob, is in the furniture business in Flint. Our subject's family was one of the pioneers in the Fourth Ward, which was then all woods. George attended private school at first then the ward

school and later the union schools. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to learn the cabinetmakers' trade under William Miller, with whom he remained until the fall of 1863, when he enlisted in Company F, Fourth Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered in at Detroit and joined his regiment at Nashville. In the spring of 1864 the regiment joined Sherman's army at Chattanooga. He was in many skirmishes and the cavalry he was with participated in many battles. He was taken sick after the engagement of Kenesaw Mountain, in July, 1864, and was sent to the hospital at Chattanooga, thence to Columbia, and on being sent back to his regiment, was with a mounted squad that did scout duty throughout that fall. In the spring of 1865, under Col. P. Pritchard, they were at the engagement at Selma, Ala., Double Bridge and Macon, Ga., and participated in the capture of Jefferson Davis, May 10, of the same year. Our subject was one of the one hundred and twenty-eight picked men selected for that important duty. He brought back with him from the war a hand mirror, taken from the wardrobe of Jefferson Davis, and he wore the Confederate ex-President's felt hat until the close of the war. Mr. Raab was mustered out of service at Nashville, August 15, 1865. From injuries received in the army he now draws a pension of $24 per month.

Returning to Flint after the war, our subject again resumed his trade and in 1867 removed to Lawrence, Van Buren County, where he started a furniture store and conducted it for four years. While there, May 9, 1869, he was married to Miss Hattie E. Tomlinson, who was born in Branch County. She is a daughter of Alex. E. Tomlinson, an English gentleman, who was one of the early pioneers of that portion of the State.

In 1871 Mr. Raab sold out his effects and interests in Lawrence and returned to Flint. He resumed his trade and helped finish the State School for the Deaf. In 1872 he went to Holly and for four years was engaged in the furniture trade there, but was again attracted back to Flint and this time opened a grocery store at the foot of Hazelton Street, in partnership with John Zimmerman. They were burned out two years later and then our subject, in partnership with his brother Jacob, started a cabinet-making shop, running it until 1884, then opened a grocery at the corner of Asylum and Glenwood Avenues, and with Richard Hughes as partner. They continued in this business for two years, when our subject sold out and has since been engaged in handling sewing machines. For the past five years he has been on the road constantly. The open air exercise was beneficial to his health, which has never been robust since his army service. He now handles Stanley's book in this county.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of six children—M. Bertha, a teacher in the county; Myrthis A., a teacher in the city schools; Alice C.; Irving; Ethel E. and Arthur. He has been Supervisor of the Fourth Ward since 1883. Socially he belongs to the Odd Fellows and also to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a Mason and in his political liking is a true Republican.

FREDERICK W. DECKER. This prominent business man of Clio, carries a fine line of general merchandise, consisting of boots and shoes, gentleman's furnishing goods, clothing and groceries. He was born in Antwerp, Jefferson County, N. Y., May 26, 1859, and is the son of the Rev. William P. Decker, a native of Fayetteville, Onondaga County, N. Y., who is still living in East Gaines, N. Y., and is a graduate of Madison University. He commenced the work of the ministry at the age of twenty-two and has been preaching ever since, carrying on the work in connection with the Baptist Church. His wife, Julia S. Johnson, is a native of Vermont, and was born about 1830. The brothers of our subject are C. H. Decker, proprietor of the C. H. Decker Electrical works of Detroit; Henry J., a clerk in the Department of Vital Statistics at the National Capital; and George S., foreman for his brother in the electrical works at Detroit.

Our subject studied in the graded schools of Castile, N. Y., and at the age of sixteen began clerking in a general store there. Two years later he went to

Silver Creek, N. Y., and was in a drug and grocery store two years as a clerk, after which he was for nine years in the employ of F. J. Dougall, of Windsor, Ont. In 1888 he came to Clio and opened up the business in which he is now engaged, which is constantly increasing in reputation and extent. He was married October 3, 1888, to Helen H., daughter of A. P. and Catherine Hendee, of Leroy, N. Y.

Mr. Hendee was a farmer and he and his good wife met a sad death by being run over by a train on the Lackawana Railroad, June 13, 1886. The Leroy *Times* spoke of the estimable couple in the highest terms. They were cultured Christian people and were known and esteemed in their character and social standing throughout Genesee County, where Mr. Hendee had lived on the same farm from his birth, July 15, 1829. His father, John Hendee, was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Mrs. Decker is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of Leroy, N. Y. She is the mother of two children—Howard W., born September 15, 1889; and Merwin H., November 12, 1891. The political views of our subject lead him to affiliate with the Republican party and he is a member of the Village Board, a position he has held for two terms. The Knights of the Maccabees count him as one of their most prominent members. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and an influential citizen of Clio.

WILLIS HUBBARD. Our subject is one of the Professors who has longest been connected with the deaf-mute school of Flint. Although he is entirely deprived of his hearing, he has not lost the ability to articulate distinctly and understandably. He is a diligent reader, and is well informed on all subjects. Mr. Hubbard was born March 8, 1845, at Cropsyville, near Troy, N. Y. He is the son of Francis E. and Jerusha (Howe) Hubbard. The former was a native of South Hadley, Mass., and a lineal descendant of John Hubbard, of England, who was one of the earliest Puritan settlers in Massachusetts. The family finally drifted to Hadley.

Our subject's father came West when a young man and became a leather manufacturer in Cropseyville, later removing to Oswego, N. Y., where he died in 1876, at the age of sixty-one years. His wife was born at Grafton, N. Y., and was a daughter of Daniel Howe, a native of Massachusetts but a manufacturer in Grafton. Mrs. Jerusha Hubbard died in Oswego, N. Y., in 1883, at the age of sixty-eight years. She was a devout Christian woman, and the mother of five children: Charles, a well-known wholesale drug merchant of Syracuse, N. Y.; Josiah, who died in 1868; Willis, our subject; Alonzo, also a druggist of New York; and Maria, who resides with her brother Charles.

Willis Hubbard attended the common schools near his home until ten years of age, when a long and nearly fatal attack of brain fever deprived him of his hearing, he retaining, however, the power of speech. In the fall of 1856 he entered the New York Institute for the deaf and dumb in New York City, under the able management of the Peets, father and son. This school stood at the head of all institutions of the kind in the country, and probably in the world. A high class had been formed which enabled those students who were qualified, to pursue advanced studies. Mr. Hubbard graduated with honors, and was valedictorian of the Class of '63.

In the fall of the same year, on the recommendation of Dr. Peet to Prof. Fay, he was appointed a teacher in this institution, and he has filled the position acceptably and successfully ever since, with the exception of the years, 1867–68, when he was engaged in similar work in New York. Soon after losing his hearing, our subject's grandfather, seeking to console the boy's mother, who naturally felt very sad over her child's affliction, said to her, "probably your son will yet live to do a great deal of good in this world for his fellow-men." And this is indeed true, for many years he has been bringing light into the lives of those whose senses have been deficient.

Prof. Hubbard was married in Flint, in 1865, to Miss Emma S. Wesson, a daughter of the late Leonard Wesson, of this city. She was born in Clarkston, this State. They have two children: Edward, who is a business man in Denver, Col.; and Fred, who is at home with his parents. In their religious

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belief our subject and his wife worship with the Congregational denomination. Socially he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and Prof. Thomas L. Brown were the first deaf mutes, with one exception, who have been admitted to the order. He has a comfortable and well arranged home, located at No. 108 Court Street. His chief pleasure there, outside of the inmates, is his library, which is indeed fine.

WILLIAM McGREGOR, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a retired lumberman, residing in a beautiful home on the corner of Grand Travers and Second Street, in Flint. Mr. McGregor was born in Leroy, N. Y., January 1, 1836, and is a son of John and Anna (Willis) McGregor, the father being a farmer. Our subject's parents having both died he came to this county when fourteen years of age with Alexander McFarlan with whom he remained until 1868, being employed by him in various capacities. He then launched out for himself forming a partnership with William Hamilton when in the lumber business, the firm name being Hamilton & McGregor. This connection lasted for ten years, the firm owning pine lands and a regular lumber plant.

The firm of which our subject was the junior member had their mill located on Mill Street and did an extensive business, employing as many as one hundred men. The lumber in Flint being exhausted, they went to Bay City and were engaged in manufacturing lumber and salt from 1880 to 1881, at which date the mill was destroyed by fire. The firm then abandoned the manufacture of lumber and began dealing heavily in lands, owning lands in Wisconsin, Washington and Missouri, as well as in this State most of which is timbered property. This venture has netted them large returns and they are now stock-holders in the First National Bank.

Our subject is connected with the Missouri Land & Cattle Company, being one of the heaviest stockholders. A. W. Wright, of Saginaw, is President of this company and our subject General Manager; they have one hundred thousand acres of timber and grazing land, the business of which is managed so as to be exceeding profitable. Mr. McGregor has never been an office-seeker, but the esteem in which he is held is shown in the fact that he has been nominated several times for the position of Mayor when away from home, but has always refused to enter the race.

Mr. McGregor and Miss Maria Brousseau were married February 9, 1858. She is a daughter of Julius Brousseau, of Flint. They are the happy parents of one child, a daughter Maude, who is living at home and has been given every possible advantage for a good education.

Our subject has one of the very finest farms in Genesee County, taking the improvements into consideration. It is located six miles northwest of Flint in Mt. Morris Township and contains two hundred and forty acres. The land he devotes especially to the raising of cattle and horses, of which he has some fine specimens. He superintends the work of the farm himself and derives much pleasure from so doing. Mr. McGregor improved his beautiful residence himself in 1879 and it is one of the most pleasant homes in Flint. In addition to his other valuable property, he owns a store in the down town district.

GEORGE D. NEWELL is a farmer residing in Flushing, Genesee County. His fine and arable tract of land derives additional value from the fact that it immediately adjoins the corporate limits of the village. His tract comprises fifty acres that are located on an elevated piece of land. He here has a beautiful home and everything to make rural life delightful. Mr. Newell was born in Wyoming County N. Y., May 1, 1829. He is a son of John and Chloe (Haskins) Newell, natives of Greene County, N. Y., and Vermont respectively. Mr. Newell, Sr., was a large farmer and also proprietor of an hotel in Wyoming County, where he and his wife ended their days. He is interred on his home place.

Our subject's father was one of the first settlers in Wyoming County, N. Y. He was the head of a family which comprised four children, only two of whom are now living: Eunice, Mrs. Paine, and George D. Our subject's paternal grandsire was Josiah Newell, a native of the Nutmeg State and of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

The original of this sketch was educated in Genesee County, N. Y. He was reared a mechanic and commenced the trade of a blacksmith for himself when seventeen years of age. He served an apprenticeship of three years in Greene County, N. Y., and was employed in his trade in his native State until 1875, when he sold out his property there and came to Flushing, working for a time at his trade as a journeyman. Later he purchased a blacksmith shop of which he was proprietor until 1885, when he sold out his interest and purchased the property upon which he resides at the present time. Mr. Newell has already sold four lots from his place which are being rapidly improved by a good class of dwellings. He has held various offices in the village, having been Trustee, etc. He was married on November 8, 1851, to Miss Louisa Phelps, of Genesee County, N. Y., a daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Bailey) Phelps, natives of Connecticut. Mrs. Newell is one of nine children, six of whom are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Newell are the parents of five children. They are Eva, Alida, Minor, Cyrus and Clara. Our subject is a Republican in politics and always taken a prominent position in the local and municipal interests of the place.

ARTHUR C. ANDRUS is a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, of Flushing, Genesee County. He was born in Springfield, Mass., November 5, 1815, and is a son of Arthur and Mary (Ingraham) Andrus, natives of the Nutmeg State. The former was a builder and contractor. He learned the gunsmith's trade and worked at it in Springfield for seven years, making guns for the Government. He then moved to New York and settled in Genesee County, thence went to Niagara County where he served as Justice for about twenty-five years. In 1837 he came to Michigan and settled in Oakland County where he owned a large tract of land. He removed from this, in 1847, to Saginaw County where he retired from active life and died in 1848 at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a deeply pious man and was frequently called upon in the absence of the minister to officiate in his place. In politics he was a Whig. His wife died in 1849 in Saginaw County.

Of a family of six children who were born to our subject's father and mother, three are now living. They are Arthur C., Elizur who is a minister of the Presbyterian Church and located at Augusta, this State, and Burton, who is a mechanic by trade, and by profession an attorney at law. He is now at Bridgeport, Saginaw County. Our subject's grandfather was Elizur Andrus, a mechanic by trade. He was a Revolutionary soldier and a descendant of a Welsh family who came to America some time in the sixteenth century.

The original of this sketch is one of six children born to his parents. He was educated in Niagara County, N. Y. and was engaged in teaching in the same county. He learned the carpenter and joiner's trade of his father and when his parents came to Michigan accompanied them and was engaged for ten or twelve years in farming. In 1850 he came to Flushing and purchased a farm of eighty acres. He has been extensively interested in buying and selling real estate and farming therein. He purchased considerable property in the city and now resides on Main Street, near the station of the Cincinnati & Saginaw Railroad. Mr. Andrus has been in office for twenty years or more and has held various township offices. During that time he has tied the knot uniting many happy couples. He himself was married April 7, 1839, to Miss Eliza R. Wood, of Macomb County, Mich. She is a daughter of Andrew Wood who came to Michigan in 1835 and died in 1851.

Our subject has only one child living, a son, Charles A., whose home is in Grand Rapids. He is married to Nancy L. Haney. They have two sons. Charles A. studied medicine at the medical college of Toledo, Ohio and received a diploma

from that institution. He is now practicing medicine at East Saginaw, Michigan. He is widely known, having lectured extensively in the United States and Canada in the interests of spiritualism and also upon scientific subjects. He is a very able man. Mr. Andrus is a Democrat in politics and an Odd Fellow in his social affiliation.

HARMON VAN BUSKIRK, a dealer in drugs and groceries in Pine Run, Genesee County, was born in Henrietta, Monroe County, N. Y., July 11, 1825. His father, Garrett Van Buskirk, was born at Buskirk's Bridge, Washington County, N. Y., in 1778, and died in 1846. He was not only a farmer but a carpenter and joiner, and his father, John Van Buskirk, was a farmer and was killed during the War of 1812, at the battle of Oak Orchard Creek. The family is supposed to be descended from two brothers who came from Holland at an early day.

Our subject remained at home until he reached the age of thirteen, attending the district school and after that he worked out by the month upon a farm until he reached his majority. He then learned the cooper's trade, at which he worked for six years. He came to Michigan in 1858 and located at Belleville, Wayne County, and worked at his trade until the war broke out.

The young man then enlisted in August, 1862, in Company C, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and was with his regiment when it pursued John Morgan's raiders. He was in Knoxville at the siege and while at Sulphur Springs, Tenn., he was captured and taken to Belle Island, near Richmond, and afterward transferred to Libby Prison and Andersonville, where he remained until October 8, 1863. He remained in durance vile in various prisons until March, 1864, when he was released and went home. After the war he resumed carpentry for three years and then operated a shingle mill for two years, after which he devoted himself to farming until 1879, and since that time has been in business in Pine Run.

The marriage of our subject in 1844, united him with Miss Louise Horton, of Monroe County, N Y. This lady was a daughter of Hiram Horton, who carried on a coopering business, and she had one child, Lydia J., who was born in October, 1845, and is now married to David Halstead, of Pine Run. This wife was called from earth's activities in 1849, and somewhat later Mr. Van Buskirk married Louisa, daughter of Elijah Oakley, who was engaged in the manufacture of potash in Genesee County, N. Y. The one child of this marriage, Francis S., who was born in 1851, died in 1872, and his mother departed this life in 1874. Mr. Van Buskirk was, in 1876, united in marriage with Mrs. Van Nest, the widow of Henry Van Nest. Mr. and Mrs. Van Buskirk are members of the Pine Run Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and with the Grand Army post at Vienna. He is also an Odd Fellow, and in politics is an ardent Republican.

E. E. HUYCK, a druggist and dealer in furniture, undertaking supplies and crockery, was born in Vienna Township, Genesee County, November 20, 1861, and now makes his home in Clio. His father, Charles M. Huyck, was also born in Vienna Township, in 1840, and died in Andersonville prison in 1864. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and enlisted as regimental blacksmith, August 9, 1862, in Company B, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry. His death was caused by disease and took place March 23, 1864.

George Huyck, the grandfather of our subject was a native of the Empire State, and came to Michigan in 1835, settling in Vienna Township, when there were not more than six people living within its bounds. Here he carried on farming until his death, in 1868, at the age of sixty-two. The grandfather was a "49-er" and went to California around by the way of Cape Horn, being gone six years, during which time he worked in the gold mines. The mother of our subject was Susan E., daughter of George T. Bingham, who

came to Vienna Township in 1836, before the birth of this daughter, and made his home there until his death, in 1882.

Our subject remained at home until he reached the age of nineteen, and took a four years' course in the Flint High School, graduating therefrom in 1881, after which he learned the drug business in Detroit, spending a year there, and then came to Clio and worked for three years for druggists, after which he bought out the drug store which he has now conducted for five years. About one year ago he bought a stock of furniture and crockery, and he now has two large stores well filled with his various lines of goods, and has built up a fine trade, being considered one of the best business men in Clio.

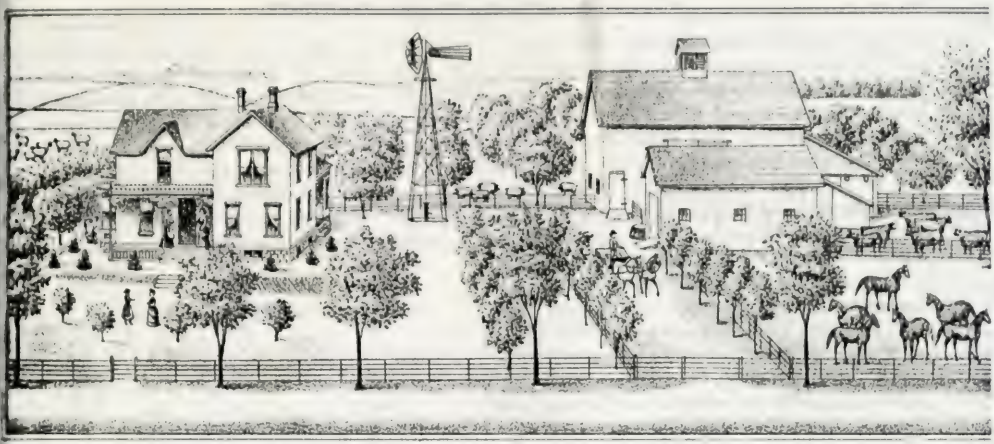
Mr. Huyck, in 1881, married Miss Harriet N., daughter of Isaac C. Van Epps, a merchant of Flint, and she is now the mother of two interesting children—Charles H., who was born December 17, 1882, and Josie M., born September 2, 1885. Both Mr. and Mrs. Huyck are earnest and devoted members of the Congregational Church, and he is one of the Trustees of the church. In politics he is a strong Republican, and an earnest advocate of the principles of that party. His warm interest in educational matters, and his thorough intelligence, have made him a useful member of the Clio School Board. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Vienna Lodge No. 205, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Worthy Master, and also belongs to the Washington Chapter of Flint, and Genesee Valley Commandery K. T.

CHARLES BROWN. In passing through a section of country, it is not difficult to determine who are the thrifty and enterprising men, and who are the drones of the community. Occupying a part section of 21, Thetford Township, Genesee County, is the farm belonging to Mr. Brown, and noticeable among its buildings is the commodious residence, a view of which, with its surroundings, appears in this volume. The place contains all the appliances of a well-regulated country estate. Mr. Brown is one of the many who began life poor in purse, and who have presented to their community the spectacle of perseverance amid difficulties and the success of well-directed efforts.

The Brown record leads us back in imagination to England, where many years ago there lived a worthy couple whose names were William and Jane (Burn) Brown. They were both reared in the same county of which they were natives, the father having been born at Lisset, a village of Yorkshire, and the mother at Robin-Hood's Bay. They passed their lives usefully as members of the farming community and reared their children to lives of honesty and uprightness. Their son Charles was born in Bridlington, Yorkshire, England, on July 12, 1835. His educational advantages were limited to the common school near his home, and the knowledge which he now has, was self-acquired.

In 1850 Mr. Brown sailed across the broad Atlantic, and reaching New York State, engaged in farming in Niagara County, where he sojourned seventeen years. In 1867 he came to Michigan and located in Genesee County, where he purchased an eighty-acre farm on section 21, Thetford Township. Here he still lives, although the estate has been materially improved since he first came, and now ranks among the best-cultivated farms in the community. Mr. Brown was united in marriage on March 2, 1861, with Miss Georgia Woodman, the daughter of John and Mary Woodman, the father being a farmer of Niagara County, N. Y. Mrs. Brown was an estimable and refined lady, possessing noble traits of character which won for her friends wherever she was, and in her home she was a loving wife and a careful, judicious mother. Two children born of this happy union, died in infancy; those remaining are—Anna E., Francis A., Nellie V., Laura H., William J. and Esther E. The death of the wife and mother, which occurred September 28, 1877, was not only a severe blow to those within the immediate family circle, but was deeply mourned by neighbors and friends.

Mr. Brown is now building a two-story residence on his farm, and this he expects to occupy in a short time. It is of a modern style of architecture, commodious, and tastily finished, and will no



RESIDENCE OF CHARLES BROWN, SEC 21., THETFORD TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

RESIDENCE OF DAVID KURTZ, SEC. 19, GENESEE TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

doubt be furnished with an elegance and taste which befit the inmates of the household. In educational affairs Mr. Brown has always taken an active interest, and nothing that will be of value in promoting the spread of knowledge does he hesitate to do. Although a firm Democrat he has always avoided holding office, and is by no means active in politics. His place among his fellow-citizens is a high one and he enjoys their unlimited confidence.

DAVID KURTZ, a prominent farmer of section 19, Genesee Township, Genesee County, was born in Erie County, N. Y., in Clarence Township, September 12, 1852. His father, Jacob Kurtz, a native of Lancaster County, Pa., settled in New York when a young man and there pursued farming. He died in Erie County, N. Y., in March, 1861; his good wife, Anna Leib, a native of Pennsylvania, removed to Erie County, N. Y., with her parents at the age of nine years and it was there that she met and married the father of our subject. The mother died at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., while on a visit to her daughter in 1889. Their six sons and three daughters all grew to manhood and womanhood, and three of them—John, Abraham and Barbara—died after reaching the ages respectively of seventeen, twenty-four and eighteen years. Those who are now living reside in Genesee County, with one exception, and are named Jacob Jr., Elizabeth, Henry, David, Daniel and Mary, who married J. C. Freeman, of Mt. Pleasant.

At the age of eighteen our subject left his native home, and after spending two years in Missouri, working upon a farm and attending school, he returned to New York. There he was employed on a farm and taught school until he was twenty-six years old. At about that time he was married January 23, 1879, to Maria Martin, of Clarence, N. Y., daughter of David and Catherine (Leib) Martin, both natives of Pennsylvania who removed to New York in their early life. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz consists of two sons and two daughters, Reuben J., Alma E., Horace H. and Ella.

In 1879 Mr. Kurtz purchased the farm where he now resides and moved upon it in April of that year. He has erected a first-class set of farm buildings, conspicuous among them being a barn 40x100 feet with an L 26x60 feet, with basement under the entire building. One hundred and eighteen acres of the estate are well-improved and here the owner carries on general farming and stock-raising. A view of the place with its principal buildings appears in connection with this sketch. By proper rotation of crops the soil has been brought to a high state of cultivation and yields bountiful harvests of golden grain. A practical farmer, Mr. Kurtz brings to his work good judgment, energy and industry, qualities which have enabled him to crown his efforts with success.

In his political convictions Mr. Kurtz is a Republican and has served in various official positions, among them that of Highway Commissioner, also School Inspector. He is a member of the Iron Hall at Mt. Morris, and in his religious sentiments is a consistent member of the Baptist Church at that place. At the organization of the church he served as Trustee and is at present Clerk as well as Chorister, having held the latter position most of the time since the church was organized. To church work he is a liberal contributor of his means and influence and he maintains an especial interest in the Sunday-school, of which he was the first Superintendent. He has charge of the singing there and belongs to a family well known for its singers. He is one of four brothers now living, all of whom belong to the same church, and have never used tobacco or intoxicants in any form.

FRANK D. BAKER, M. D. A man of many interests and enterprises, besides his work as a physician, our subject is present Sheriff of Genesee County. He was one of the organizers of the Equitable Building & Loan Association. He was born near Biddeford, Devonshire, England, October 10, 1852, and is a son of Charles and Eliza (Dymond) Baker. Our subject's father came to America in 1856 and located in Flint. Three

years later he purchased a farm in Burton Township, where he still resides. They have been the parents of thirteen children, all of whom are living and ten of whom reside in this county.

Our subject is the fifth in order of birth of his father's family. With his family he came to this country in a sailing vessel, the voyage occupying seven weeks. They landed in Quebec. Our subject was reared in Burton Township, three and a half miles from Flint. He attended High School until graduation in 1872 and was then engaged in teaching here for three years. In 1875 he went to LaGrange, Cook County, Ill., and taught for one year and then entered the literary department of the University of Michigan, where he staid for one year, when he began the study of medicine under Dr. Cogshall. In 1877 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, remaining there until 1879, and in 1880 received his degree as Doctor of Medicine. He began the practice of his profession in the town and county of Tuscola, where he remained for three months, thence going to Edwardsville, Ill., where he resided for three months.

In 1881 Dr. Baker purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Clayton, Genesee County, which he still operates. He then engaged in the drug business under the firm name of Miller & Baker. In 1889 they sold out to Mr. Craft. He then engaged in the real-estate business and became Secretary of the Equitable Loan & Building Association. Meantime he carries on his real estate business, his office being on Saginaw Street. In the fall of 1890 he was nominated and elected Sheriff on the Democratic ticket, assuming his office January 1, 1891.

The original of our sketch was married in Edwardsville, Madison County, Ill., August 30, 1880, to Miss Mattie Ritter, a daughter of Henry and Philopene (Gablemon) Ritter, the father being a prominent business man man of Edwardsville, Ill. Dr. and Mrs. Baker have become the parents of four children, whose names are Mattie, Gertrude, Frank and Jessie. In 1887-88 Dr. Baker served as Alderman from the Second Ward and in 1889 was Mayor. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a Mason. He also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and is a Forester. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ORRIN HART. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is one who is prominent in commercial circles in the village of Flushing, Genesee County. He is the senior member of the firm of Hart & Clark, proprietors of the Flushing Flouring Mill, which has already gained a wide reputation as producing a most excellent quality of flour. Mr. Hart is a native of Broome County, N. Y., and was born January 23, 1825. He is a son of Marcus E. and Polly (Clark) Hart, natives of Connecticut and New York respectively.

Our subject's father was engaged in farming and lumbering in New York. He was a man of wealth and position, but sold out and in 1836 came to Michigan, settling about Flint. Staying there only a short time he then removed to Calhoun County, where he purchased land with the intention of farming, but he died in 1837. After his decease his family returned to Genesee County. His wife still lives, being a resident of Oak Grove, Livingston County, and is eighty-seven years of age.

Of the three children born to his parents our subject is the only one living. The original of our sketch was educated in a log schoolhouse, where the seats were of slabs, with pin legs. On his father's death he left home and lived with his maternal uncle, Samuel Clark. He remained with him until eighteen years of age and then went to live with his uncle, Judge Ogden Clark, who was at that time a resident of Ogden Township, where he had a farm and store and mill. In 1846 Judge Clark settled at Flushing and young Hart came with him and assisted in the mill and store. In time he purchased a farm west of the village of Flushing and devoted himself to farming for ten years. In the fall of 1862, in company with Oscar F. Clark, Mr. Hart purchased the mill property at Flushing on the Flint River, and has continued

the business ever since. They have owned five mills, three of which have been burned and one is now vacant. The one which is running has sixteen sets of rollers and is one of the best mills of the county. It is accessible to the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw Railroad and has side tracks to the very door.

Our subject is one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Flushing. He is also interested in other banks in the State and has besides landed interests in this and other States. He was married to Miss Margaret Ashbaugh, January 1, 1868. The lady is a native of Ohio and a daughter of Harvey and Eliza (Elliott) Ashbaugh, natives of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are the parents of two sons, Robert O. and Rennie E. Politically our subject is a Prohibitionist. Socially he is a Mason. He adheres to the creed as taught by the Methodist Church, although his wife belongs to the Adventists' Church. They have a pleasant residence on Main Street and the family is recognized as one of the leading ones in the social circles of this place.

FLINT P. SMITH. The original promoter and present manager of the Flint P. Smith Lumber Company is he whose name appears above. He is one on whom the enterprising duties of life have pressed themselves and has been found equal to the demands made upon him. He was born in Penfield, Lorain County, Ohio, September 22, 1853. He received most of his education in his native place, so that when he came to Michigan with his father he began his active career as a business man. He married Miss Franc A. Brainer, of Attica, N. Y., their nuptials being solemnized in September, 1875, and by this union our subject is the father of two children—Ward and Gwennola.

Our subject's father, Hiram Smith, was born in New York in 1824, and when a young man came West to Ohio, where he engaged in the lumber business in Lorain County. In 1845 he came to Lapeer County, and was engaged in lumbering, which he carried on for several years and then returned to Ohio. In 1847 he sawed a large amount of lumber in Lapeer County and rafted two large boats of the same down to Saginaw, this being the first lumber that was ever sent from Lapeer County. He remained in Ohio until 1861 and on the breaking out of the war spent one year in getting out black walnut of which to make gun stocks for the Government, after which he enlisted in the army, but had been in it but a short time when his hand was shattered and he was sent home on a furlough and was afterward discharged on account of disability.

After returning from the war our subject continued lumbering in Ohio until 1867–68, when he came to Flint, which at that time was a lumber town, only having about twenty mills here. He built a mill and was engaged in dealing in hardwood, probably culling half the hard lumber ever marketed in this county, and handling a large amount of oak. He built an elegant brick residence at the corner of Third and Stockton Streets, in 1872, the place being one of the few really fine residences in the town, and its style and construction was so superior that it still maintains its prestige, being a beautiful place located in a wide-spread velvety lawn. This was his home until his death, and the place is still kept in the family. He married Miss Maria Penfield, of Penfield, Lorain County, Ohio, the place being named in honor of her father, Truman Penfield. He left a family of seven children.

The children of which our subject is one are; Flint P., Myron, Park, Eli, Jenny, Mrs. George H. Rankin, of Milwaukee, Hiram and Joel, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were members of the Congregational Church. He was not a politician, and although he frequently had offices tendered him, did not care to mix up in politics. Mr. F. P. Smith came to this city with his parents in 1868, his father, Hiram Smith, at once allying his interests with the lumber business. He built a mill and became largely interested in the manufacture of hardwood, and was the operator of quite an extensive business at the time of his death. Our subject succeeded his father and has been running the mill until this last summer, when he leased the

old Crapo mill on account of its superior water power. He will run the former mill during the winter for the manufacture of hard-wood lumber and staves, being interested in the cooperage business. They buy their material from the logs shipped in by rail. The mill is located near the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad.

JOSEPH L. DUNBAR, who has been a resident of the county since 1842, and who is one of the most extensive contractors and builders in Flint, was born in Rochester, Oakland County, this State, June 3, 1838. His father, Joseph Dunbar, was a New Yorker by birth and was married in New Jersey. He was a carpenter by trade and a Corporal in the American Army in the War of 1812. He became an early settler at Rochester and about the year 1841 settled near Vernon, Shiawassee County, and the following year removed to Flushing, which was his home until his death in 1851. He was a Democrat in his political views and for several years was constable of Flushing. His wife, Christiana Bigler, daughter of John Bigler, of New Jersey, survived him for twenty years and died at the age of seventy-three. They were Baptists in their religious faith.

Our subject was one of a family of six children, all daughters but himself, and he had his education and early training at Flushing. His attendance in the log school house was limited to winters, and during the summer he worked assiduously at any work he could command and for any wages which he could get. At the age of fifteen he began an apprenticeship under B. F. Warner to learn the carpenter's trade, receiving a bonus of $50 a year. About this time he bought a lot in Flushing for $40 on four years' time, paying $10 down which was his entire salary for two and one-half months. After passing one year at his apprenticeship he went into partnership with M. P. McClellan and after the first season engaged in trade for himself, beginning his career as a contractor and builder at the age of seventeen. He did independent business thus and did a large part of the work himself, erecting residences and business houses.

In 1878 Mr. Dunbar came to Flint and worked with Mr. C. Landers, having charge of his men, and a little later entered into partnership with P. F. Cleveland who at that time was a leading contractor here. During the three years that they were connected, they erected the Catholic Church and the dining room and kitchen for the Michigan School for the Deaf, a building valued at $30,000, and also the wagon works and the inside finish of Owosso Catholic Church all of which were large contracts.

Since 1883 this young man has carried on business alone and has the largest set of men at work of any one in the city. He has put up a block of stores on First Street and also one on Saginaw Street, besides the beautiful residence of Alexander McFarland and others.

This gentleman was married in Orion, Oakland County, in 1862, to Miss Mary A. Bigler, daughter of Jesse Bigler, a New Yorker, and a son of Philip Bigler, a Revolutionary soldier and a pioneer of Orion. Three children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, namely: Lena, Jennie (deceased), and Daisy. The eldest daughter is a fine musician. Mr. Dunbar belongs to the orders of Masonry and Odd Fellows, and is independent in politics.

JOHN ALGOE. The year 1861 marked the arrival of this gentleman in the city of Flint, and he is therefore now one of the oldest residents. He is still actively engaged in business as a pension and insurance agent and money loaner, and through his close attention to his private interests, he has gained a competency. Perhaps no other citizen of Flint has been more thoroughly identified with the progress of the city than he, and we find his name associated with almost every enterprise which tends to promote the material, social or moral development of Flint. At one time he was Supervisor of the Third Ward of this city, and in that position

labored assiduously to advance the interests of Flint, his efforts meeting with flattering success. In the various other responsible positions to which he has been called, he has worked with the same self-sacrificing spirit which he displayed as Supervisor.

Mr. Algoe is a native of New Brunswick, and was born in St. John's, May 16, 1832. He has no recollection of the scenes of his birth, for when an infant he was brought to Michigan by his parents John and Margaret (McCrath) Algoe, they settling in Groveland, Oakland County. The father, who was a farmer, took up a tract of Government land in 1835 and this he improved and cultivated, making it his home until called hence by death. Our subject remained with his parents, spending his time in aiding his father on the farm, and going to the district school, until he was eighteen years of age, when he he entered the mercantile business by engaging as clerk in a dry-goods store at Goodrich, Genesee County. He remained there until 1851, when he went to Kansas and sojourned there one year. He pre-empted some Government land in that State, and engaged during one winter as a teacher.

In January, 1861, having removed to this city, Mr. Algoe entered the office of the Register of Deeds as Deputy Register, and remained in that capacity until the fall of the same year. The Civil War being then at its height, our subject, who was an ardent defender of the Union in principles, assisted in raising Company I, Tenth Michigan Infantry, of which he was made Second Lieutenant, under Capt. Barker. The company remained in camp until April, 1862, when they were ordered to the front. They were at Hamburg, Corinth, and followed Rosecrans to Chattanooga and Sherman to Atlanta. They also participated in the engagements at Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge. For bravery on the field of action Lieut. Algoe was promoted to First Lieutenant, Adjutant, and later to Captain of Company A. At the battle of Atlanta he was shot in the face, and by reason of disability he was mustered out March 4, 1865.

Returning home with a record of which he and his might well be proud, Capt. Algoe was elected Register of Deeds, serving in this capacity three terms, of two years each, since which time he has been in the real-estate and insurance business at Flint. As above mentioned he also served efficiently as Supervisor. Under President Grant he was appointed Postmaster immediately after his term as Register of Deeds expired. He was one of the organizers of the first gas company in the city, also of the Citizens National Bank, the Citizens Building and Loan Association, and the Equitable & Loan Association. He is identified with the order of Chosen Friends, which has a large membership, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also one of the charter members of Gov. Crapo Post, No. 145 G. A. R., of Flint. In that Post he has occupied all the Chairs, as he has also in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of Chosen Friends.

On June 2, 1858, Mr. Algoe was united in marriage with Miss Emily Tracy, of Flint, the daughter of Fitch R. and Charlotte Tracy. Mr. and Mrs. Algoe have two children: John Frank, who is now in business in the city as a hardware merchant, and Margaret T., who is at home and is engaged as a teacher in the city schools. The father of Mrs. Algoe was one of the oldest settlers in this city, coming here at a very early day and settling first in Davison. His death occurred in Flint, where the most of his active life had been passed. Capt. Algoe is a consistent Christian, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was for a long time Trustee.

JOHN WHEELER is a retired farmer residing in Flushing, Genesee County. He was born in England, December 27, 1840, and is a son of William and Mary (Gorvin) Wheeler, natives of England. The father was a farmer and came to America in 1851, settling in Canada. His family followed him to this country four years later and located in Middlesex County, Upper Canada, and there William Wheeler was foreman of the grading department in London on the Great Western Railroad. He remained in that place for fourteen years and thence came to Gen-

esee County in 1854 and settled in Flushing Township and lived there until his death, which took place in April, 1866. The mother died in 1877. Our subject's paternal grandfather was William Wheeler, a farmer, who was born in England and passed his life in his native land. He had a family of three children.

The original of this sketch is one of seven children born to his parents, as follows: Our subject; Emmie, Mrs. J. Larue; Isaac; Elizabeth, Mrs. George Smith; Lucy, Mrs. L. Rogers; Mary A., Mrs. George Groon; and Ella, Mrs. McMillan. Our subject was educated in Michigan, having come here in 1860. The family settled in the Township of Wales, St. Clair County. He worked and learned the trade of a pump-maker, devoting his time to that business during the summer and working in the pine woods during the winter.

In 1861 Mr. Wheeler enlisted as a private in Company I, Fourth Michigan Infantry and served for two years. He was then taken prisoner at Gaines' Mill and was confined in Libby Prison for forty days, at the expiration of which time he was paroled and sent to Fortress Monroe and was there in a hospital, having been shot in the same battle in which he was taken prisoner, the wound resulting in the amputation of two of his fingers. After leaving Fortress Monroe our subject was taken to Alexandria and placed in the convalescent camp; he remained there for two months and was discharged on the 11th of October, 1862. He was in seven general battles, taking part in Bull Run, the siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Chickahoma, Mechanicsville, Hanover Courthouse and Gaines' Mill.

After our subject's return from the war he attended school in Wales, St. Clair County, the first winter, and the next summer came to Flushing, this county, and here worked in the lumber woods two months. He was for a time variously engaged and then purchased a farm two miles from the village of Flushing, on section 15, Flushing Township. The place comprised seventy-two acres and was entirely barren of buildings and improvements. He settled upon it and devoted himself to improving it, adding first eighty acres and then forty acres, so that he now has a farm of one hundred and forty-two acres with good buildings and general improvements. He here devotes himself to general farming.

Mr. Wheeler moved into Flushing in 1891, having built a fine residence which he now occupies. He has held various school offices in the township and has been Commissioner. He has been Commander of Ransom Post, No. 89, G. A. R., of Flushing, and also Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows and District Deputy Grand Master of the same order. He is also a member of the Flushing Grange.

Our subject was married in 1873, to Miss Lucy Wright of Flint. She is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bendel) Wright, natives of England, who came to America in 1869. Our subject has two children who are living. They are Theo B. and Herman E. Mr. Wheeler is a Republican in politics. Mrs. Wheeler and their daughter, Theo B., are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The lady belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps, of which she is President. She is also a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Wheeler is prominent in all the enterprises of the village.

JOSEPH HOBART, a veteran of the late war, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., in the town of Harmony, September 27, 1842. His father, Lester Hobart, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., where he followed agricultural pursuits, and later was a farmer in Chautauqua County. The paternal grandfather, whose home was in Vermont, served in the War of 1812. Lester Hobart resides in Harmony, N. Y., and is now eighty-two years of age. His political affiliations led him to join the ranks of the Republican party, where he was influential. The mother of our subject whose maiden name was Mary A. Preston, was born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., where she passed from earth in 1850, at the age of forty years.

Eight children were born to Lester and Mary A. Hobart, of whom seven grew to maturity. Four

sons engaged in the Civil War in defense of the Union and one of these, Freeland, died at Andersonville. Joseph, of this sketch, was reared on a farm and received a common-school education. When only twenty years of age he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Twelfth New York Infantry, and participated in the various engagements in which his regiment took part. He witnessed and aided in the bombardment of Charleston, and in the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, he was wounded by a minie ball which passed through his left elbow. From the field hospital, whither he was at once taken, he was sent to the general hospital at Fairfax Seminary and there the arm was operated on. Three and one half inches of bone were removed and the arm never healed entirely; it has ever since been stiff and useless.

On October 16, 1864, Mr. Hobart was discharged by reason of disability from gun-shot wounds and returning home, he for two succeeding years was forced to carry his arm in a sling. He engaged as a farmer in Chautauqua County until 1870, when he came to Michigan and sojourned at Holly for a short time. Next he purchased a farm in Atlas Township, Genesee County, comprising ninety acres on section 9, and upon this place he located and engaged in general farming and stock raising. His estate is located on the Kearsley River near the village of Atlas and is valuable not alone on account of its location adjoining the village, but also on account of its fertile soil and fine improvements. In June, 1890, Mr. Hobart retired from active life as a farmer and renting his place, removed to Flint, where he purchased a residence on West Court Street, No. 919.

On September 29, 1886, Mr. Hobart was married to Miss Clarinda Perry, the wedding being celebrated in Davison, Genesee County. The bride was born in Grand Blanc, this county, and is the daughter of Edmund Perry, a native of Avon, N. Y., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Hobart, who was the eldest in her father's family, was brought to Davison by her parents when three years old and received her education in the log school house located in the woods near her home. At the age of twenty she commenced to teach, and the following year attended the Michigan State Normal School. The second year in that institution her health failed and she was compelled to cease her studies. Afterward she followed the profession of a teacher in Genesee County many years, mostly in Grand Blanc, and was a member of the Genesee County Teacher's Association, in which she was an official. She is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Flint, and belongs to the Baptist Church. In politics Mr. Hobart is a strong Republican and is highly esteemed for his upright life and his self-sacrificing devotion to his country.

JAMES A. HOWE is an enterprising and prominent farmer whose country place is embellished by a handsome brick residence and good and capacious barns. Mr. Howe was born in Westmoreland, Cheshire County, N. H., December 29, 1837. He is the son of Samuel Howe, who was born in the same place in 1797. He died in 1865 at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a Universalist in his religious belief. Our subject's mother was in her maiden days Miss Caroline Arnold, who was born in New Hampshire in 1809. She now lives with our subject.

Our subject is one of three sons born to his parents, the eldest, Fred S. Howe, being an engineer and now lives in Vermont. The youngest, Thomas W., died at the age of eleven years. Mr. Howe was reared in the village and received a common-school education. At the age of sixteen he went to work for himself by the month, and in 1870 became the proprietor of an hotel at Bellow's Falls, Vt., a place on the Connecticut River. His hotel was called the Island House and was a favorite summer resort. In 1869 our subject became engaged in the bakery business in Ogdensburg, N.Y., but in 1870, he leased the Island House for another term of years and remained there until 1873, thence went to Brockville, Canada, where he became the proprietor of the Revere House. He remodeled it and refurnished, putting it in first-class order. In 1875 he went to St. Catherines, Canada, and was

there engaged in the manufacture of cement, but remained only one year. The following year he visited this section of Michigan and then went to Texas where he spent nearly six years in stock-breeding, buying and selling sheep and cattle.

While engaged in the stock business in Texas our subject handled a great many animals, having as many as three thousand sheep at one time and two hundred head of cattle. His headquarters were at Sherman, Tex. April 25, 1880, Mr. Howe arrived in Genesee County. His first farm was known as the Brewer place in Burton Township. About 1888 he sold that and purchased his present farm on section 7, Burton Township. February 5, 1874, our subject was married to Miss Katie Watkins, who was born in Alstead, N. H. and is a daughter of Holland and Mary Watkins, also of New Hampshire. Her parents died when she was quite young. One child has come to our subject and his wife and has been named Frankie May. Our subject is a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Howe is a member of the Episcopal Church and is an interested worker in church affairs.

Our subject has one hundred and sixty acres of land in this locality which is thoroughly well im-improved. He devotes himself to general farming but pays particular attention to the raising of sheep and horses. While in Texas our subject was engaged in the lumber and hardware business in connection with his stock. He began life without any means and at the age of sixteen he engaged to work for Capt. E. Murdock, who at that time was the largest manufacturer of woodenware in the United States. He spent seven years with him and then began his career as above described. He has worked hard for everything he possesses, and his efforts have been crowned with success.

JAMES H. WHITING, one of the prominent business men of Flint, who came here in 1863, and is now the Treasurer and General Manager of the Flint Wagon Company, of which he has had the entire management since its organization, was born at Torrington, Conn., May 14, 1842, and is a son of James and Amelia (Allen) Whiting. He received his education in the district schools and the High School at Winchester, after which he entered a store in the latter place and at the age of sixteen served in the same capacity at Waterbury, Conn. Later he enlisted in the army during the War of the Rebellion, and in July, 1862, joined Company A, Twenty-third Connecticut Infantry, going out as Colonel's Orderly and belonging to Banks' command at New Orleans. He was made Adjutant of the regiment and most of the time was in command of the post, acting as Assistant Adjutant General of the First Brigade. He came up the Mississippi River to Cairo upon the first boat which ascended the river after the taking of Port Hudson and Vicksburg, and was mustered out at New Haven, Conn.

Soon after his return from the army the young man took the Western fever, and coming to Flint, began book-keeping for William L. Smith & Co. Three years later he went into partnership with O. F. Forsythe under the firm title of Forsythe & Whiting, and later they admitted to the firm Maj. W. R. Morse. Somewhat later the other partners bought out Mr. Forsythe's interest and the firm became Whiting & Morse, and afterward our subject took the entire business into his own hands. O. A. Richardson finally joined him and received a working interest, and they were in business together for nearly twelve years. After the death of that gentleman Mr. Whiting disposed of his hardware trade, in 1884, to J. M. Bussy, as he found that he had too many branches of business upon his hands.

The Flint Wagon Company was organized in 1882, the stockholders being ex-Gov. Begole, D. S. Fox, J. H. Whiting, George L. Walker and Allen Beach, and it was incorporated two years later with D. S. Fox as President, George L. Walker as Vice President, and J. H. Whiting as Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager. They located their building on fifteen acres near the tracts of the Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway and began in a small way with a few hundred dollars and a few men. The business increased from year to year until they are able to report that for the year ending May, 1891, the product is somewhere between

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twelve thousand and fifteen thousand vehicles of all kinds, including merchandising, farm and freight wagons, carriages and road carts. The trade has been built up by producing a No. 1 class of goods, and for two years they have not been able to keep up with their orders. They now give employment to nearly two hundred men, and have thirty-two buildings, including works and storehouses. They have also added a wheel plant, making buggy and cart wheels, and manufacture a surplus of about twenty-five sets of wheels a day besides what they use. Our subject was the moving spirit in organizing this company.

Miss Alice N. Northrop, daughter of the Rev. H. H. Northrop, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Flint, became the wife of Mr. Whiting May 12, 1870. The Rev. Mr. Northrop still resides in this city, of which he is an honored citizen. One daughter, Florence, has blessed this union. She has been a student at Madam Mears' private school in New York City for several years, having paid especial attention to music, taking lessons from Ranney, the great vocal teacher, who brought out Patti and other notable artists, and is at present living with Mr. and Mrs. Ranney.

THEODORE PORTER McWAIN. There is no one in Grand Blanc Township more worthy of the pen of the biographer than this gentleman whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, and who for forty years has been inseparably associated with the material and moral progress of Genesee County. His peculiar fitness for official positions has been recognized by his fellow-citizens who have bestowed upon him many offices of trust and responsibility. During his active service as Supervisor he contributed to the welfare of the township which he represented on the County Board. To that responsible position he was elected in 1870, filling the office one term, and in 1881 he was appointed by the Town Board Supervisor to fill a vacancy, serving one year. He was for a number of years Justice of the Peace, and has filled other local offices. In his social relations he is a member of the Masonic order at Fenton, and is a Master Mason. He also belongs to the Farmers' Alliance, and is universally classed among the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of this part of the country.

The father of our subject, David J. McWain, was a native of Vermont, descended from Scotch stock, and Mary (Tabor) McWain, the mother, was born in New York, of Welsh ancestry. Great-grandfather McWain, a resident of New Hampshire, was a soldier in the American army and participated in many of the battles of the French and Indian War as well as the War of the Revolution. The subject of this biographical notice was born September 21, 1825, in Washington County, N. Y. At the age of four years he was brought by his parents to Genesee County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. His education was commenced in the common schools of that county, and was supplemented by a course in Cary's Collegiate Seminary. After finishing his schooling he followed the profession of a teacher four terms in Batavia, N. Y., and after coming to this State, taught three terms in Grand Blanc Township. However, the greater part of his life has been devoted to farming pursuits.

The marriage of our subject, September 10, 1850, brought to his home a bride in the person of Mary C. Gould, who bore him seven children, four of whom are now living, namely: Mix, Asa, Willie J. and Dora, all of whom are married and have homes of their own. Dora is the wife of John Barton; Mix and Asa are farmers of Grand Blanc Township; and Willie J. resides in East Saginaw, where he is employed by the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad. The year following his marriage, our subject brought his wife to Genesee County, Mich., the trip being made by way of Lake Erie and Detroit. In the summers he devoted himself to clearing and improving his land and putting in crops, while he made his home in a log cabin. His winters for a few years were employed in teaching, and during his first school here he had over eighty pupils on the roll. By frugal industry and good judgment, he has acquired possession of eighty acres of land, all under excellent cultivation, and his success in life has been due as much to the earnest helpfulness of his devoted companion as to

his own industry and enterprise. Mrs. McWain departed this life January 24, 1885, leaving her family and many friends to mourn her loss. In his political views Mr. McWain is a Democrat, and his counsel in local and political affairs is considered well worth seeking.

WILLIAM A. PATERSON. We here present one of those thoroughly enterprising and unconquerable spirits who are ever ready to go ahead, no matter what misfortunes may befall them. He is a manufacturer of carriages, carts and buggies, and has just been burned out at a loss of $25,000, but intends to keep right on with business and make a greater success in the future than he has in the past. He has been exceedingly prosperous and now owns a fine block of buildings in the city of Flint.

Mr. Paterson was born in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, October 4, 1838, and is a son of Archibald Paterson, a Scotchman, who came to America when quite young, and having learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, he engaged in contracting and building at Guelph, and also carried on farming, but is now living a retired life at the age of eighty-eight. He has been an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Jane Ingells, the wife of Archibald Paterson, daughter of John Ingells, a Scotchman, was born in Canada, and died there at the age of thirty-seven. Five of her six children are still living. They are John L., James, William A., Mary and Adam, and the one who is deceased, bore the name of Margaret. After taking an education in the log schoolhouse in Canada, near Guelph, this boy at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith and carriage-makers' trade, but in 1856 attended school for one winter at Franklin, N. H., after which he carried on work at various points.

In 1860 young Paterson went to Kentucky and established a wagon factory at Fredonia, but until he was driven out by the commotions consequent upon the breaking out of the Civil War, and went to Illinois, locating at different times at Decatur, Jacksonville, Springfield and Bloomington. After traveling about some, he drifted to Michigan, and after a short stay in Pontiac, he located in Flint; in 1869, taking as a partner his brother Adam, he started a small carriage shop on Saginaw Street.

This business gradually increased, and Mr. Paterson has now for some years been running it alone. In 1879 he located in the shops where he is now engaged and a few years later enlarged his capacity to two hundred thousand a year, and manufactured for the jobbing trade, thus making his works the largest in the State. He keeps men on the road, making large sales from the West, and in 1878 erected a fine establishment comprising three stories, and a basement which was burned down August 8, 1891, and these buildings having been greatly rebuilt and enlarged, he now has the largest works in this part of the country of the kind.

The marriage of Mr. Paterson in 1875, united him with Miss Mary Dryden, of Guelph, a daughter of Thomas Dryden, a prominent farmer there. Their three children bear the names of Maude, William and Mary. In 1890, this prominent man was made Mayor of Flint, in which capacity he is doing good service to the city. He is a true-blue Republican, and a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he acts as Trustee. He belongs to the social orders of the Knights Templar, and the Knights of Pythias.

FRED W. BRENNAN is a promising young lawyer of this part of the State. He was born at Mt. Clemens, Macomb County, this State, June 15, 1861. He is a son of James F. and Mary (Traver) Brennan. His father was a railroad contractor running from Ottawa, Canada. He also had a contract on the Grand Trunk Railroad from Detroit to Port Huron, and also on the Canadian Division of the Great Western Road. After being engaged on the Michigan Central from Detroit to Bay City, he located at Mt. Clemens until he retired from active business; he is now sixty years of age.

Our subject's mother was born in Hudson N. Y., and is a daughter of John I. Traver, an early settler and merchant at Mt. Clemens, this State. He was the agent of Robert Livingston, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Our subject is the eldest of five children. He was reared at Mt. Clemens, and was graduated at the High School in 1878. Soon afterward he began the study of law for which he had an ambition from earliest childhood. He pursued his course under T. M. Crocker, a prominent attorney of Mt. Clemens. In 1881 he entered the literary department of the University of Michigan, where he remained for one year. He then resumed his studies in Mt. Clemens. In 1883 he came to Flint and entered the law office of Howard & Thayer, and in May, 1885, was admitted to the Michigan bar.

He was first associated with Mr. Lovejoy, and the partnership continued until the last-named gentleman went to Seattle, Wash., and then our subject continued his practice alone. Mr. Brennan was married in Flint, in December, 1890, to Miss Verna Beecher, a native of New York. In 1888 Mr. Brennan was elected Circuit Court Commissioner on the Republican ticket, and January 1, 1889, he was re-elected, being the only one who was elected on the Republican ticket. He is an enthusiastic believer in the advantages to be attained under the measures as advanced by his party. Socially he is a Mason. His pleasant residence is located in the Second Ward, on East Street.

WALTER WEST. Lapeer County has a fine representative of her native-born citizens in this gentleman, who, born within her borders and educated within her public-schools, is now one of the foremost among her farmers, and in his business ability is surpassed by none. He devotes himself to a general agricultural business and successfully conducts the fine and arable tract of two hundred and twenty acres owned by Daniel West, on which he lives, also the one hundred and ten acres on sections 28 and 33, Attica Township, which he himself owns. A successful stock-raiser he makes a specialty of registered Durham cattle, merino sheep, Yorkshire hogs and Clydesdale horses. For fifteen years he has been dealing in and raising blooded stock and has captured blue ribbons in many contests.

Upon the old homestead which he now operates, Mr. West was born October 31, 1850, and is the son of Daniel and Martha J. (Henderson) West. The mother died February 20, 1866, while the father still survives. As a lad our subject enjoyed the advantages of a common-school education and pursued his school course long enough to acquire a certificate to teach. He taught one term in Oxford district, No. 1 and although he was very youthful, being only twenty years of age, he was entirely successful as a teacher. His father's advanced age requiring his services at home, he gave up his work as a teacher and assumed charge of the farm.

The father moved to the village of Attica when Walter was twenty-two years of age and the young man with the assistance of three younger sisters, conducted the farm until the year of his marriage which took place August 8, 1876. His bride was Miss Ellen C. Payne, of Imlay City, who had been a teacher from the age of seventeen until her marriage. Mrs. West is the daughter of Richard and Rachel Payne, who lived in this township and were prominent people in its social and business life. Mr. Payne was a native of England, and at an early day emigrated to Canada; there Mrs. West was born in 1850 and when four months old was brought by her parents to Michigan.

Mr. West is a member of Attica Lodge, No. 295, A. F. & A. M. of which he was Worshipful Master when only twenty-five years of age. He is also a member of Lapeer Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M., and is identified with the Grange and the Patrons of Industry. In politics he is a Democrat of the most pronounced type and has very decided opinions on the tariff question. He has been honored by his party by appointment to several official positions, among them that of School Assessor. For six terms he has held the office of Treasurer of the South Attica Cemetery Association. A well-posted and well-read man, he keeps thoroughly abreast with the news of the day.

On another page of this volume the reader will find a view of the pleasant homestead, where Mr. West may usually be found engaged in the pursuit of his calling.

LYMAN E. HILL, who is a representative of one of the finest families of Davison Township, Genesee County, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., July 17, 1843. He is a son of Joseph Hill, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume and a brother of Philip and Israel Hill, of whom our readers will also learn more upon another page. He has hewn his farm out of the dense forest and deserves great credit for its development, and at the same time has not neglected the higher interests of the community and has stood shoulder to shoulder with the men who have been working for the progress of the township.

Mr. Hill was three years old when his parents came to this county and his education was in the log schoolhouse. He enlisted December 20, 1864, in Company K, Thirtieth Michigan Infantry under Col. Wermer, of Detroit. The regiment was raised for State duty, as a raid from Canada was at that time expected, and the different companies were stationed at Detroit, Port Huron and Jackson, Company K being on garrison duty at Jackson. On June 16, 1865, the young man was mustered out of service at Jackson, Mich., and returning home engaged in farming. He purchased his farm on section 24, and began chopping and clearing away the timber and later added further land to his farm. He was married in June, 1866, to Harriet A. Knapp, of New York. Her parents had removed to Oakland County, this State from New York many years before, and both have since died. She passed from earth in June 1881, leaving five children, namely: May, Newell, Sarah, Alma and Orin.

The present Mrs. Hill was united with our subject in marriage in 1883. Her name was Mary J. Clark *nee* Elsworth, and she was born in Ashtabula, Ohio. Both she and Mr. Hill are earnest and devoted members of the Free Will Baptist Church. The political views which are endorsed by the judgment of our subject are those which are expressed by the declarations of the Republican party, and he is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On his fine farm of one hundred acres, which he has mostly cleared himself, he raises all kinds of live stock. He started with limited means and has now gained a handsome property and has built for his family a pleasant home.

JAMES BENDLE, a farmer on section 3, Clayton Township, Genesee County, where he cultivates two hundred and fifty acres of fine land, was born in Devonshire, England, January 20, 1838, and is a son of John and Betsey (Isaac) Bendle, who came from England to America in 1851, and settled at Flint. Some ten years later they came to Clayton Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. He was a prominent man in his town in England and after coming here became a Democrat. They were always connected with the Episcopal Church. His father, James Bendle, was a large land owner and a gentleman of wealth who lived and died in his native land, England.

Our subject was twelve years old when he came to America and here he received his more advanced education. Five of his father's family now live, namely: Elizabeth, Mrs. Wright; John; Mary, Mrs. Thomas Lake; our subject; and Catherine, Mrs. John Marshall. It was in Grand Blanc Township, that James Bendle began his independent life as a wage worker, earning at first $4 a month and working out for some six years. He led and rode the first horse that was taken through from Flint to Luddington, now the terminus of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad, going through in that way in 1857 with a surveying party. For six weeks they did not find a settler and in that wilderness this youth assisted in the survey for three months, traveling on horseback.

The first land owned by James Bendle was in Clayton Township, and he cleared some sixty acres of it and lived on the place for six years, and when he sold it he purchased the farm where he now lives, part of which was cleared. He has, moreover, since purchasing it cleared one hundred acres and has built five barns and set out excellent orchards. He keeps fine blooded stock of which he makes a specialty.

Our subject was married in 1853 to Miss Jane, daughter of Barthomel and Betsey Glass, both natives of England, and came to America in 1842 and settled in Clayton Township. Nine children have been born to this home, namely: Arthur, who married Ella Penoyer; Alice, Mrs. Lauren Glann; Albert J., Robert W., Raymond, Lewis T., John, Floyd and Clarence. Mr. and Mrs. Glann have three bright and interesting children, namely: Levi J., Ethel and Claud. Our subject has a farm of one hundred acres on section 26, Clayton Township, where his son Arthur resides. He is one of the originators of the First National Bank of Flushing and is one of the prominent men of the township. He has been School Assessor for thirteen years and is looked upon as a leader among the men of the Democracy.

JAMES HODGES. This representative farmer of Dryden Township, Lapeer County, had his birth and education near Owego in Tioga County, N. Y., on the banks of the beautiful Susquehanna River and was born April 6, 1826. His father, Simon Hodges, was born in the Black River Country of New York and there married Martha Blow, one of his early companions who became the mother of our subject. He worked a farm on shares for some time but about the year 1835 went to Owego, where he bought and operated a farm until 1843, when he came to Michigan spending one year in Oakland County, before locating in Dryden Township, this county. Here he operated eighty acres, which he had taken up in 1837 from the Government, and built a frame house where he lived until his death at the age of fifty-two years. His father, Abram Hodges, was also a New Yorker by birth and his wife's father, James Blow, was an Irishman who came to America in Colonial times and was engaged in the Revolutionary War. The mother of our subject, who died at the age of fifty-five years had fifteen children, nine of whom grew to man's and woman's estate and of that number one daughter and five sons still survive, namely: James, George, Chester, Simon, Charles and Adelaide.

It was in 1843 when our subject came with his father to Michigan and after that time he had to do a man's work on the farm so that he took no schooling in addition to that he had received in New York, and when he had an opportunity to work by the month for wages, this money was turned in to the family support. He started out for himself at the age of twenty-two, at the time of his father's death, and then took charge of the farm and family, as he was the eldest, and assumed all responsibility. This he continued until his marriage at the age of twenty-seven in 1854, to Elizabeth Varnum. This lady was born in 1833 in Canada, and was a little girl of eight years of age when she came with her parents to Michigan.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hodges located in a shanty 12x16 feet in dimensions upon the place where they now live. The young man then owned one hundred and twenty acres of land which he had gained by hard work, eighty of which he had taken up from the Government, and it was all then finely improved. He now owns five hundred and ten acres of good land in Dryden Township and two hundred and twenty-six acres in Attica Township, and all is the result of his own efforts and the reward of his faithfulness to duty and the exercise of his excellent judgment. He also has a flour-mill in the village of Attica, which he built in 1873 at a cost of $14,000, and he also owns eighty acres of land in Huron County. It takes some five men to do the work upon his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges are the parents of eleven children, namely: Varnum, who runs the mill at Attica; Zephaniah R., who has charge of the south farm of one hundred and sixty acres; Clair; Jabez; Austin; Ella, the wife of William Weaver, a farmer in Attica Township; Addie, the wife of Henry

Eoff a farmer in Dryden Township; Libbie and Julia. The sons who died were James and Prescott. Mr. Hodges' first Presidential vote was for Taylor, and he is now a Republican in his political belief, and was a Highway Commissioner at one time. Mrs. Hodges' parents were Prescott and Betsey (Clemons) Varnum, natives of Massachusetts, who came to Michigan in 1843, and here completed their days, dying in Metamora Township, Lapeer County.

RANSOM HALLECK. The gentleman whose name is above was, for many years, a prominent and much esteemed citizen of Burton Township, Genesee County, and when death claimed him as its own his loss to the community as a citizen of enterprise and one to whom the best interests of this portion of the county were paramount was keenly felt. Mr. Halleck was born at Bethany, Genesee County, N. Y., September 11, 1838. He died April 11, 1889. His parents were John D. and Sarah Halleck. The former was a native of the Empire State and descended from a long line of New England ancestry, extending back to the landing of the Pilgrims.

Our subject's father was a farmer and always lived in his native State. His mother was a native of Pennsylvania and of German extraction. The decease of both occurred in New York. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom our subject was the youngest. He was reared on a farm and received a district-school education. At the age of twenty-four he took charge of the old homestead, farming it for three years.

In the year 1864, after our subject's marriage, he determined to come West with a view of bettering his financial condition. He finally decided to locate in Genesee County and purchased land in Burton Township. The country then was quite new and the land he bought was only slightly improved. While a great amount of hard work was required to transform his farm into a well-cultivated place, he proved equal to the task.

January 1, 1863, Mr. Halleck was united in marriage to Mary J. Hunt, a native of Devonshire, England, who came to the New World with her parents, James and Sophia Hunt, when only ten years of age. They settled in Genesee County, N. Y., and were there engaged in farming. Mr. Hunt died in 1880. Mrs. Halleck's mother is still living at the old homestead in New York. Our subject's family comprises four children: Jessie, Florence E., George W. and May. The first named is the wife of Charles Nash, a young farmer of Burton Township; Florence is a teacher; George W., who is only fourteen years of age, has been blind from his youth and is now a student in the Michigan Institute for the Blind, and he is a fine musician. May resides at home. All have received good educational advantages.

Mr. Halleck was a Republican in his party creed but took no active part in politics and never aspired to office. Both our subject and his wife were formerly members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Since her husband's death Mrs. Halleck has had entire charge of the farm which comprises eighty acres. It is in excellent condition, having a fine residence and substantial barns and other improvements. Mr. Halleck came to Michigan without means and acquired a comfortable competency by his diligent efforts. He was a man who attended strictly to his own affairs, giving his attention exclusively to his farming interests, and was consequently fairly successful.

GEORGE M. CURTIS. The head of one of the representative and intelligent families in Burton Township, Genesee County, is he whose name appears above. They have a delightful home that has a flavor of old times about it that is exceedingly pleasant. Their house, which is comfortable, is surrounded by immense pine and maple trees that afford a most grateful shade in the summer and protect the house from the keen sweep of the winds in winter. Mr. Curtis, who is the Supervisor of Burton Township, was born in this locality January 1, 1843. He is a son of

Asahel Curtis, who was born November 24, 1798, in Belleville, Jefferson County, N. Y. He emigrated to Michigan in 1837 and located in Flint where he purchased forty acres of unimproved land. The township had been settled about two years previously.

On the coming of our subject's father into this locality it was wild indeed. There were many more Indians than white men and plenty of wild game, but in 1856 the city of Flint was incorporated, and this side of the township was given the name of Burton. He presided at the first organization meeting of this place and held numerous local offices. He was a Congregationalist in his religious sentiments. His wife and our subject's mother was in her maidenhood Miss Julia Edwards. Her decease occurred August 25, 1878. They were the parents of two children, of whom our subject alone is now living. His brother, Leveret E., died at Dallas, Tex., in June, 1885. Mr. Curtis has, however, a half brother, who was born of a previous marriage of his father to Clarissa Pratt.

Our subject was born in the log house built by his father in the woods. He received a common-school education and later attended the Union Schools of Flint, completing his studies in the State Normal School of Ypsilanti. When seventeen years of age he began teaching and continued that work for ten terms, giving his attention in that direction in the winter and working in the summer. He began farming for himself early in the '60s, but remained at home and cared for his parents until their decease.

The original of our sketch was united in marriage November 14, 1876, to Miss Alvira M. Harris, who was born in Lapeer County, this State. She is a daughter of Alanson and Polly (Hallock) Harris, of New York and Vermont respectively. Our subject is a Republican in politics and has taken a representative stand in his portion of the State in legislative affairs. He was first elected to various township offices and served as School Inspector, Township Clerk, and is now serving his fifth term as Supervisor. He was the candidate for State Representative from the Second District in the fall of 1890 and was defeated by only five votes. He made a very strong canvass and was exceedingly popular. His own township gave him a majority of one hundred and five. Mr. Curtis is a Director of the Agricultural Society here. He is the proprietor of ninety-two and one-half acres of good land. He began life with almost nothing, but had an honorable ambition to get along in the world, and by downright hard work has achieved independence. He lives on a farm that he has made and paid for himself. It is exceptionally fine and is well stocked and is operated by the best of farm implements. It is managed by great intelligence as well as brawn power, and he has a most commendable ambition to do well whatever he undertakes.

RANDOLPH W. WILLIS. Perhaps no thrilling events have transpired in the life of this steady-going and reliable citizen, but he is one of those forming the bone and sinew of this community, and one who has assisted in establishing its financial prosperity, and upholding the standard of morality. His life occupation has been that of a farmer, in which he has been very successful, accumulating a good property, and fortifying himself against the days when he perhaps may be unfitted for labor. His farm is one of the best in Genesee County, and is pleasantly located in Thetford Township, on section 9. With its well-tilled fields, substantial buildings and general air of plenty and comfort, the place forms a most delightful picture in the landscape of the region.

The parents of our subject were Ephraim and Mahala (Wilder) Willis; the father was born near Hartford, Conn., and the mother near Montpelier, Vt. Ephraim Willis was a cooper and farmer by occupation and was an industrious, persevering man and a public-spirited citizen, and was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His experiences as a pioneer were many and varied, and he possessed the rugged thrift and the persevering patience which have conquered whole states from a wild and useless condition to the abode of extensive farmers and large business interests. The

parents of our subject removed to New York State at an early day and there in Otter Township, Erie County, Randolph W. Willis was born October 22, 1827.

At that early day it was not easy to obtain a good education, as the "temples of learning" were few and far between, and the teachers often illy prepared to instruct and discipline. It is therefore not surprising that Mr. Willis only received a meager education, and this was partly obtained in the Empire State and partly in Ohio, whither his parents removed when he was eleven years old. They made a home near Cleveland, where the various members of the family contributed their quota toward the development of the place which the father purchased. Mr. Willis, however, was not satisfied to make that his permanent home, and at the age of twenty-seven, in the vigor of a stalwart manhood, he proceeded West to Michigan and located at Thetford Township, Genesee County.

Although not one of the earliest settlers of Genesee County, Mr. Willis has fairly earned the title of a pioneer, for when he came here there was no other resident within a half mile of his farm and the surrounding country was a wilderness, untouched by the hand of man. Undaunted by obstacles which seemed to oppose his success, he began to clear his place, remove the forest growth, and as the seasons came and went he was busily employed in sowing and reaping, each year bringing to him increasing harvests as a compensation for his toil. He now has one hundred and sixty acres, all in a high state of cultivation, and the estate is embellished with a complete set of farm buildings, such as will be found only on the homestead of a successful and practical farmer.

On September 12, 1852, Mr. Willis was married to Miss Phebe A. Carpenter, who was born in Ohio and reared to womanhood in that State. Four children are comprised in their family—one, Almeda, having died in infancy. Those who survive are: Frederick E., Flora A., Willard L. and Helen E. All are well established in homes of their own and are people of note in their various localities. Frederick married Florence Boutwell; Flora became the wife of Winfield Renold; Willard chose as his wife Miss Jessie Mercer, and Helen married Chester Cornwell. Although he does not take a very great interest in politics, he usually votes for the best man independent of party ties. Mr. Willis has been recognized by his fellow-citizens as a capable official, and has served as Constable of this township, and Sheriff of Genesee County four years, filling the positions to the entire satisfaction of the people. The Patrons of Industry find in him a worthy and active member, and he also belongs to the Farmers' Alliance.

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Mrs. Matilda Hinchey was born in Monroe County, N. Y., July 14, 1857, and after her marriage with our subject they settled first in Erie County, but two years later returned to Monroe County and there remained for one year. They then decided to remove to the West and coming to Michigan settled in Flint Township, Genesee County, of which they have since been residents. Their two children are George E. and Franklin W.

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Mrs. Matilda Hinchey was born in Monroe County, N. Y., July 14, 1857, and after her marriage with our subject they settled first in Erie County, but two years later returned to Monroe County and there remained for one year. They then decided to remove to the West and coming to Michigan settled in Flint Township, Genesee County, of which they have since been residents. Their two children are George E. and Franklin W.

Among his neighbors Mr. Hinchey has a high standing and is known as a thorough-going and

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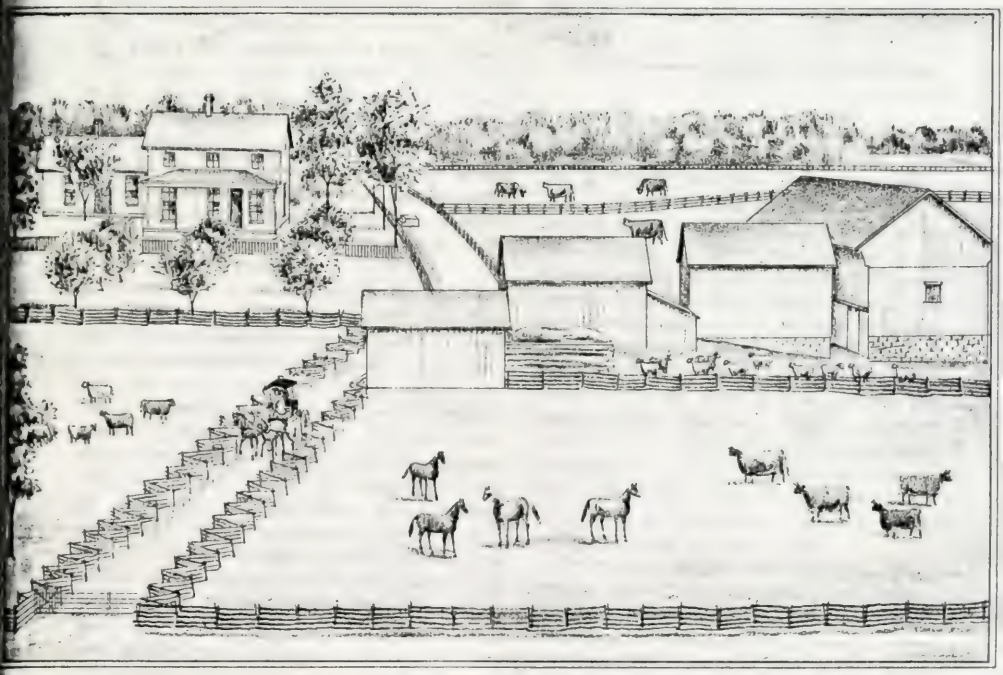

RESIDENCE OF SAMUEL SMITH, SEC. 12., ARGENTINE TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

progressive farmer, having followed that line of work with success throughout life with the exception of one year. Upon his farm of one hundred and twenty acres he has an excellent set of farm buildings, and a pleasant home which is a true center of social life. The reader will be pleased to notice a view of this fine place on another page. Mr. Hinchey has filled the offices of School Director and School Moderator, and although he is not an office seeker, he is deeply interested in political movements, and is affiliated with the Republican party. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in that order is considered a prominent and valued member.

SAMUEL SMITH, who owns four hundred acres of improved land on sections 2, 11 and 12, Argentine Township, Genesee County, is a native of Ireland and was born in the year 1822. There he was reared a farmer and received the ordinary education to be found in the National schools. After arriving at his majority he concluded that the New World offered better inducements for effort than did his native land, and in 1843 he boarded a sailing vessel for New York City at which port he arrived after a voyage of nearly six weeks.

Making his way to Oswego, N. Y., Mr. Smith there obtained an opportunity to work as a farm hand and continued thus engaged several years. So well was he pleased with his home that he eventually purchased a farm and settled upon it. He finally disposed of this property and in 1853 removed to Michigan, locating near Grand Blanc where he remained for about three years. He, however, decided that it would be best for him to take up new land and devote himself to its development, and in 1856 he purchased a piece of property on section 12, Argentine Township, and there he built a log house and settled down to the work of a pioneer. The forest about him abounded in deer and other wild game, and all the surroundings were those of a new country.

December 27, 1848, Mr. Smith took as a life companion Miss Margaret Robinson, who is also a native of Ireland, and she has faithfully shared life's joys and sorrows with him from that day to this. Of the union of this worthy couple the following children survive: Philip, Jane, James, Edward, Archie, Albert and Eliza. Catherine, the fourth child, is deceased. In politics Mr. Smith has ever put himself in line with the Democratic party and both he and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church in their native land. They began life without a cent excepting what Mr. Smith earned for himself, and it is by their combined industry and hard work that they have succeeding in acquiring a competency which will enable them to spend the remainder of their days in comparative ease.

On another page of this volume maybe found a view of the neat residence where Mr. Smith is comfortably domiciled, also of the pleasant surroundings which indicate the thrift of the proprietor.

SAMUEL J. ASHLEY. No man among the pioneers of Davison Township, Genesee County, has been more thoroughly respected and esteemed than both our subject and his father, Dr. Ashley, who was so useful in the early days. The former was born in Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., February 13, 1811, and his parents, Dr. Robert and Mary (Jones) Ashley, were born in Massachusetts and New York respectively. The Doctor came to Western New York from Fowlerville, Mass., in 1801, making his home in Lyons, where he practiced his profession for several years and where he died when about seventy years old. He had been bereaved of his faithful and loving companion many years before, as she died at the age of forty-five years. Two of their five children are now living, and our subject is the second in order of age.

The common district schools at Lyons supplied the early education of this young man, and he left home the fall he was twenty and hired himself to chop wood in Oswego County, where it was all a wilderness, and three years later in 1834 he set out for Michigan, traveling by canal to Buffalo and

thence to Detroit by lake. He located in St. Clair County, for some two years, and then for the same length of time lived in Saginaw County, and in both of these homes worked at various occupations.

It was in 1836 when Mr. Ashley came to Genesee County, and bought from the Government the land which now constitutes his farm on section 11, Davison Township. A dense forest covered all this region and there were then no actual settlers in the township, and after spending one night in the woods he returned to Saginaw County. On March 27, 1841, he was united in marriage with Miss Helen Wiley, who is of Scottish birth and came to America in 1837, her parents having died in the old home. Upon December 6, 1841, the young couple located upon land which Mr. Ashley had purchased and took up their abode in a log shanty, 16x18 feet. This primitive residence was constructed by the young man himself and was built with a shake roof, a split bass-wood floor and only one door and one window. Herds of deer often passed their door and wolves made night hideous, while Indians were frequent visitors.

The only team which Mr. Ashley had in those days consisted of a yoke of oxen, and by exchanging work with neighbors he was able to secure help in clearing his land and doing the heavy work which required more than one man. Upon this place he has lived more than fifty years and when he came here Flint was a mere hamlet. His four children are Nancy, wife of Simon Billings, of Richfield Township; Robert W., who has established his own home at Davison Station; Rivingston is also married and lives on the old homestead; and Annie E. is now Mrs. Byron Moss of Davison Station.

The Democratic ticket has always commanded the vote of Mr. Ashley, and he cast his first ballot for Gen. Jackson in 1832. He has helped in the organization and management of the township from the first, and has held the offices of Treasurer and Justice of the Peace. At the first election here there were but fourteen votes and they all went in one way. Mr. Ashley now lives in a fine large frame house, the third one he has built since coming to the farm and his property of eighty acres is in a highly improved condition. He is proud to be able to say that he has never hired a day's logging or chopping on it, for he has cleared it all himself. He and his good wife have lived together in harmony and mutual helpfulness for fifty years and she has been for thirty years an active and earnest member of the Baptist Church.

ANDREW J. WARD, a contractor and builder of Flint, was born in Hinckley, Medina County, Ohio, February 16, 1843, and is a son of Alexander and Thirza (Harris) Ward. The father was born in Northamptonshire, England, and came to Ohio at the age of sixteen, and there engaged in farming. He moved to Davison, Genesee County, in 1846 and the following year came to Flint and here engaged in the manufacture of brick, establishing the first brick kiln in this town. Up to the year 1860 he manufactured all the brick made here and was a prominent business man. He died in 1881, leaving a family of three sons and four daughters.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are: Angelina, now Mrs. Ransom Jones; Thirza H., Mrs. Stephen Arbury; Dora, Mrs. F. Bort; Minnie, wife of Alexander McLean; Charles A. and Benjamin A., Superintendent of the Michigan City Gas Works. The mother died in 1871. Andrew had taken a course in the High School after studying in the district school and in 1862 enlisted in Company F, Fourth Michigan Cavalry. This body of troops was placed in the Western Department under Sherman and took part in the Atlanta campaign and the battle of Selma. He was not away from this regiment excepting once when disabled by a wound.

Returning home in 1865 the young man went into the brick business with his father and a year later sold out and entered upon the same work at Frankfort, Benzie County, this State. After a year he returned to Flint and went into partnership with Stephen Arbury and somewhat later bought out his partner's interest and continued in the brick making business to which he added contracting and building.

In the fall of 1878, Mr. Ward sold out his brick-yard to Oren Stone, and since that time has devoted himself solely to contracting and building. He has erected half of the brick buildings in Flint, including the Patterson factory. He also put up a $55,000 Catholic Cathedral at Chatham, Ontario, and three of the buildings of the Agricultural College at Lansing, also a dormitory at the Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids and is at present working upon the Courthouse at Gaylord, Otsego County, this State, and the Daly Block at Flint, besides an Armory for the State troops, known as the Flint Union Blues.

Mr. Ward erected the Bryant House, the Occidental, the Judd Block, the Daly Block and the Y. M. C. A. building besides thirty-seven stores in this city. He owns two stores on Saginaw Street and a beautiful home in which he resides. His wife to whom he was united, December 21, 1865, bore the maiden name of Louise P. Dewstoe. They have two children, Bertha Louise, who is now Mrs. Andrew J. Bagley, and Arthur C. Mr. Ward is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Masonic order, of the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic.

ALBERT E. HURD, the leading merchant of Davison Station, stands very high as a citizen and business man, and has been successful in securing not only the confidence of the community, but a good share of the trade of both village and country since he began business here, September 1, 1874. He keeps a full line of groceries and drugs, and some dry goods, and his medical knowledge gives him prestige among the people, as they feel safe in ordering drugs of one who understands his business so thoroughly. He had taken a medical education and lacked only six months of completing his course in the Department of Medicine at the Michigan University. He was born in Crawford County, Pa., May 18, 1842.

James Hurd, the father of our subject, a Pennsylvania by birth, came West in 1866, and being now eighty-two years old, he lives a retired life in Clay Township, near Flushing. The grandfather, George Hurd was of New Jersey birth, and became a pioneer in Crawford County, Pa., taking up land upon which our subject was born and reared. According to family tradition, Timothy Hurd, came from Wales to America, and is the one who introduced Timothy grass, which is sometimes known as Hurd's Grass in America. The ancestry on the mother's side is also from Wales, and the grandparents on both sides were Revolutionary soldiers.

Emily A. Hills, a New Yorker by birth, who was born in Onondaga County, became the wife of James Hurd and mother of our subject, and left a family of five sons and two daughters, all of whom still survive. She died in 1886 at the age of sixty-five. Albert Hurd entered an academy at Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, at the age of sixteen having had his previous schooling in the district schools. After four months there he entered the State Normal School at Edinburg, Erie County, Pa., where he spent several terms, after which he taught during the winters for several years. In 1867 he entered the Michigan State University in the Medical Department, and only lacked means to carry him through, as he almost completed his course. At Flushing, this county, he found employment with D. B. Lyan & Co. with whom he clerked for three years, after which he served James A. Button & Bro. for about three years in a general store. He then removed to Midland where he was head clerk in a grocery store for a short time and then removed to Flushing, where he spent about three months in a drug store, after which he came to Davison and established his present business. Six months later he was appointed Postmaster, which office he held for eleven years, and has also been for four years a Magistrate, and also for some time a Notary Public.

Mr. Hurd began business in a rented store room, and three years later purchased the building, and in 1885 erected the two-story brick building 24x60 feet with plate-glass front, which he now occupies. He has practiced medicine some, but does not make a specialty of it, going only when especially requested. He was married in 1867 to Miss Flor-

ence E. Todd, who was born at Portland on the east side of Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., and came West with her parents who were settlers in Clayton Township, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd have had five children, namely: Winifred L., wife of John H. Bradshaw, a native of this county; Albert E., Jr.; Leroy J.; Harry, deceased; and Claude E. Mr. Hurd has ever espoused the principles of the Republican party, and has been active in local politics, attending as a delegate to several conventions. He has been a member of the Masonic order for several years, and for some time has been Secretary and Treasurer of the order. He began life without a dollar, and has now built up a good business, and has some excellent village property besides his business place. Mrs. Hurd is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ALEXANDER LOBBAN. It is a delight to a traveler to visit such farms as will be found in the property of Mr. Lobban, in Davison Township, Genesee County, a man who is a native of the county, having been born in Atlas Township, March 31, 1843. His parentage is British, and his father, William, was a Scotchman and his mother, Mary Jordan, was born in England. They emigrated to America many years ago, the mother coming in 1835 and the father in 1839. The father died September 8, 1871, at the age of sixty-two years. He had been brought up in the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and was a man of character and integrity. After coming to this country he still pursued his trade as a baker, working in Detroit to earn money to pay for the land which he bought in Davison Township in 1839. The mother, who is still livi g, at the age of seventy, came to Michigan with her parents in 1835. She is the mother of six children and all but one of these is still in this life, and of them our subject is the eldest.

The district-school education of Alexander Lobban was supplemented by attendance upon the schools of Flint and he had the enjoyment of pioneer sports and experiences, and remembers killing a deer at the age of thirteen, having quite a local fame as a huntsman. Indian tribes in large numbers were all about his home. His two brothers and he farmed together for several years, but in 1883 he started out for himself. March 11, 1878, was his wedding day and his bride was Mary A. Torrey, who was born in New York and came to Michigan in 1865, with her parents, Gilbert O. and Emily S. (Rumps) Torrey, the latter being a native of New York and the former of Connecticut, and both being now residents of Flint. The two children born to our subject and his wife are William A. and Frederick S.

The doctrines of the Democratic party are thoroughly endorsed by Mr. Lobban, and he is often a delegate to county conventions and other political gatherings. He has been School Superintendent of Davison Township for two years. Upon his fine farm he has placed over seven and one-half miles of tile drainage, and here he keeps registered Holstein cattle, which he raises and sells for breeding purposes, and he also raises sheep extensively. He began life with very limited means and his success would be considered remarkable if one did not take into consideration the character of the man and the wonderful resources of Michigan.

LORENZO J. LOCY, M. D., one of the best known professional men of Davison Station, was born February 19, 1855, at Troy Corners, Oakland County, Mich. He is a son of Lorenzo D. and Sarah (Kingsbury) Locy, natives of New York. The father of our subject was left an orphan in his childhood and drifted out into the world when a mere lad, and as a waif was kicked about in Detroit and saw many hardships and privations. His school life was limited to about two weeks, but he became a student and developed a noble manhood within himself. When yet quite young he learned the blacksmith's trade and subsequently located at Troy, where for a number of years he worked at his trade and also en-

tered upon the manufacture of wagons and carriages in the old-fashioned way, and for a number of years did a thriving business.

In 1859 Lorenzo D. Locy removed from Troy to Detroit and there studied dentistry, and in 1861 he located at Flint, where he practiced his profession with marked success, until he reached the age of fifty-five, when he died, in 1883. While a blacksmith at the little town of Troy Corners he was a hard student and read books of value, developing a fine literary taste and becoming a genuine scholar. He also became noteworthy as a musician, was a fine singer and could perform with skill on both clarionet and organ. He frequently arranged music for bands and edited the musical colums of the Flint *Journal* for some years. Artistic talent was also his and there are a number of fine landscapes in existence which were painted by him. He was religiously inclined and for many years was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The father of our subject was twice married and by the first union there were three sons and one daughter, the latter being now deceased. The second marriage united him with Harriet Chase, who is now living with our subject at Davison. The eldest of the three sons is Dr. Frank M. Locy, who is a dentist at Flint and was associated with his father at the time of the latter's death. The youngest son, Prof. William A. Locy, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and was awarded a Harvard scholarship, and spent some time in that institution. He is now Professor of Biology in the Lake Forest University near Chicago, and is also Professor of Physiology at the Rush Medical College at Chicago. In the summer of 1891 he visited Berlin, Germany, and spent some time in the great universities of that city.

Our subject graduated from the Flint High School and in 1875 entered the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1879, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then took a course in the medical department, receiving his diploma in 1881, after which he took a general course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. His first location for practice was at Swartz' Creek, in this county, but within a short time he removed to Goodrich, where he remained some eighteen months and then came to Davison, in 1887, and has here developed a fine practice, and has secured by his character and talents a large circle of friends. He is still unmarried, but his true culture and modest, unassuming character make him a general favorite in social circles.

JAMES W. GOODENOUGH. A strong political and social influence is exerted by this gentleman who has for some years resided in Davison Township, Genesee County, and he is looked upon as one wise in counsel and judicious in leadership. He was born in Niagara County, N. Y., October 10, 1843, and is a son of George W. Goodenough, who was born in Vermont, and in boyhood removed to the Black River country of New York, but at the age of twenty-three made his home in Niagara County, where he carried on a farm.

It was in 1848 that George W. Goodenough came to Michigan buying land in Davison Township. This he had secured several years before, and he now built a shanty and proceeded to clear the land and prepare it for tillage. There was about eight acres cleared, and one house erected on the site where Davison now stands. He lived here until his death, which took place in February, 1894. He was born August 2, 1811. He served in the Patriot War, and was Justice of the Peace for twenty years. For many years he was a Deacon in the Christian Church, of which he had been a lifelong member, and was affectionately termed by his neighbors "Uncle George." His wife, whose maiden name was Phœbe Brown, was born in New York, and is still living at the age of seventy-one. She too has been a decided and earnest Christian for many years.

The eldest child of George and Phœbe Goodenough, was Elizabeth, who became the wife of Russell Eastwood, and died in 1886. The brother of our subject, George M., enlisted in the Twenty-third Michigan Regiment and died in Andersonville prison in 1864. Our subject who is the young-

est of this family, received a fair common-school education in the old-fashioned log schoolhouse, and remained at home taking care of the farm, and has had charge of it since his marriage, which took place in February, 1867. His wife bore the maiden name of Eliza Gifford, and was born January 20, 1844, in Whitby, Canada, but came here with her parents during her girlhood.

Five children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Goodenough, namely: George A., who was graduated from the State Agricultural College, taking his diploma in August, 1891. Since he was sixteen he has taught school during the winters, and was a graduate of the Flint High School before going to the University. He has now accepted a fine position as teacher in the institute for the coming year. The two other sons Milton H. and Clarence, both died, and the two daughters, Viola and Phebe, are at home.

The Democratic party in its declarations expresses the doctrines which Mr. Goodenough approves, and he has been quite prominent in local politics, and has filled the office of Drainage Commissioner for one term. He has one hundred and ninety acres of land upon which he raises all kinds of stock. He is a member of both the Knights of the Maccabees and the Alliance. The Goodenough family are descended from one who came to this country from Wales prior to the Revolutionary War.

GEORGE S. WETHERELL, of Mundy Township, Genesee County, was born in Easton, Washington County, N. Y., July 13, 1824, and at the age of eight years he removed with his parents to Erie County, where he remained until he was eighteen years old, after which he lived for three years in Genesee County the same State and then spent three years in Orleans County. His parents were Joseph D. and Laura (Swift) Wetherell, and the father was an hotel keeper in New York and came to Oakland County, Mich., from Orleans County, N. Y., and settled in Oxford, where he died in 1858. The mother lived until July 26, 1891 when she died at the age of four-score and six years.

In the fall of 1846 our subject came to Oakland County and here engaged in farming until the spring of 1868, when he removed to Muskegon for one year and then came to Genesee County, and bought the farm where he now lives, a fine tract of one hundred and twenty-four acres which he has put in good condition and where he has erected valuable buildings. He was married in Barre, Orleans County, N. Y., June 9, 1853 to Julia Parker, a native of Byron, Genesee County, N. Y., where she was born October 13, 1826. Her father Alphonzo Parker, son of Samuel Parker, a Revolutionary soldier, was a pioneer of Genesee County, N. Y., and came to Michigan with his wife Harriet Swift in the fall of 1853. They lived in Oakland County until the fall of 1867, after which they made their home in Muskegon, where he died, at the age of seventy-nine and Mrs. Parker when eighty-four years old, in Big Rapids.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Wetherell are Laura A., who was the wife of William H. Hayden and died December 1, 1888 at the age of thirty-four, and Alphonzo P. who is a merchant in Joliet, Ill. The offices of School Inspector and Township Treasurer have been filled by Mr. Wetherell and he has taken an active part in political affairs, being a stanch Republican. Mrs. Wetherell is deeply interested in the temperance movement and is a strong Prohibitionist. They are liberal in their religious views.

The family history of Laura Swift, the mother of our subject, presents some interesting points. Her father, Moses Swift, was the son of a captain who served in the army during the French and Indian wars prior to the Revolution, and while on his way home to Massachusetts he was attacked with cholera at Albany and died there, and as his wife had died previous to this event the son Moses was "bound out" to learn the shoemaker's trade. Before he had served his full apprenticeship the war broke out between the colonies and Great Britian, and as he was not old enough to enlist where his age was known, he ran away and entered the army, and was one of the participants in the battle of Bunker Hill. In the battle of Trenton in January, 1777

his right arm was shot off. After his return home he enlisted in the navy and was made Steward of the ship.

This young hero had further experiences and hardships as he was taken prisoner when the war was about over and was confined on board the prison ship "Jersey" in New York Harbor and was obliged to subsist on uncooked rats for some time. He possessed $20,000 in Continental money, which he threw into the sea. He lived to be upwards of ninety years old and loved to recount the incidents of his military experiences. When a prisoner on the "Jersey" a British officer endeavored to press him into their navy but as he had lost a limb this could not be done. But he was offered an honorable official position if he would come with them and replied: "Sir, you may think your offer an honorable one but I despise it and you. I have shed much blood for my country but am prepared to spill the last drop before I turn against her." The British officer replied, "I honor you, sir," and no further inducements were offered to lead him to betray the cause he believed to be sacred.

GEORGE E. KIPP. Among the prominent enterprising and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Genesee County, residing in Atlas Township, is the gentleman whose name we have now given, and whom we are pleased to represent in this volume. He is a native of Genesee County, and was born June 28, 1851. His parents, the Hon. George and Catherine (Vantine) Kipp, came to Michigan in 1845 and settled upon the farm which is now owned by our subject. It then had upon it only a log house and a log barn, and the father of our subject proceeded at once to reduce it from a wilderness to the condition of a well-cultivated farm. Three children gathered in that humble home, namely: James R., Harrison T. and George E.

During the session of 1872–73 the father of our subject served this district in the lower house of the Michigan State Legislature, and for many years was Supervisor of Atlas Township, filling that position during the Civil War, and serving also for many years as Justice of the Peace. He was a strong uncompromising Union man during the war times, and a steadfast supporter of the administration, and throughout his life was a prominent politician of the better class. He had a broad influence throughout this part of the State, being considered a leader in the Republican ranks. He was a member of the Congregational Church and was useful and influential in this connection. His first wife died October 2, 1882, and the lady who is now his wife was united with him in marriage in 1890, and they now reside in Akron, N. Y. He is a man who has been successful in everything he has undertaken, and although now an octogenarian is still deeply interested in all public movements.

George E. Kipp, our subject, was here reared to man's estate and received his education in the district schools of Atlas Township. Few advantages outside of the primitive schools were granted to him, but the intelligence of his parents and the stimulus thus received gave him an ambition to be intelligent and well informed, and through books and observation he has attained an excellent degree of education. He married November 22, 1876, Anna Algoe, who was born in Atlas Township, this county, December 14, 1857. She is a daughter of William Algoe, born in New Brunswick, of Scotch descent, and Sarah Tucker, a New Yorker, of English extraction. Her parents were early settlers in Michigan and now reside in Ortonville, Oakland County. To them were born six children, namely: John L.; Anna, Mrs. Kipp; Otis L.; Joseph W.; Dora, wife of A. Brosius; and James R.

Two children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kipp, namely: Leroy H., who was born October 13, 1877, and Charles A., born June 12, 1879. Our subject owns a fine farm of two hundred acres of land, which is in good state of improvement, and is one of the most beautiful rural homes in the county. It never fails to attract and please the eye of the passerby.

This enterprising and public spirited gentleman enjoys the entire confidence of the business com-

munity, and his estimable and intelligent wife is a lady of more than ordinary social qualities, and one whose friendship is prized by all who meet her. They are both prominent movers in all social matters, and in political affairs Mr. Kipp is a stanch Republican, and one who is willing to help forward the cause in which he believes.

JAMES R. KIPP is a native of Erie County, N. Y., and was born August 10, 1838. He is the son of the Hon. George and Catherine (Vantine) Kipp, the latter having passed from earth some years ago. The parents are natives of New York, and on the father's side are of German ancestry, while the maternal progenitors are of Holland extraction. A further and fuller account of this interesting family is to be found in the preceding sketch, in connection with the name of George E. Kipp, a brother of our subject.

Genesee County has been the home of our subject through most of his life, as he here grew to manhood, and was living in this county at the time that he enlisted in the army. It was on the 22d of October, 1861, that he joined Company C, Tenth Michigan Infantry, and became a part of the Army of the Cumberland. His regiment was subsequently transferred to Sherman's army, and he fought in the battle of Jonesboro, and was present at the siege of Atlanta, besides taking part in the conflicts of Averysboro, Bentonville, and numerous smaller engagements and skirmishes. He was one of those who took part in the terrific assault on Kenesaw Mountain and joined the march to the sea, subsequently returning with Sherman through the Carolinas to Washington, and there taking part in the Grand Review. His honorable discharge was granted him July 19, 1865, and he left the army with the rank of Lieutenant.

James Kipp was united in marriage with Martha Myers, October 31, 1872. She was born in Erie County, N. Y., October 18, 1846, and is a daughter of William and Sarah Myers, who came to Genesee County, Mich., in 1856, and settled in Atlas Township. To Mr. and Mrs. James Kipp one daughter has been born, who came to them May 21, 1877, and to which they have given the name of Florence. This valued family is associated with every movement of progress on the lines of education and social culture in this township.

HON. SIMEON R. BILLINGS, a well-known citizen of Richfield Township, Genesee County, and a native of New York, was born in Gaines Township, Orleans County, March 17, 1835. His father was Col. L. Billings, and he was born in New York in 1801, while his mother, Roxana C. Rexford, was born the same year in the same State, and died at the age of eighty-nine years. The father had a whole section of land when he first located in this State, and he did a great work in improving and cultivating this property. He was a Republican in his political sentiments, a man of fine presence, and having a superior voice, made a fine appearance at the head of his regiment. He filled the office of Highway Commissioner, and held other positions of trust, and died in July, 1887.

Capt. Joseph Billings, the grandfather of our subject, was a New Englander by birth, and an early settler in Chenango County, N. Y., where he took up three hundred and fifty acres of Government land, upon which he lived for seventy-five years, filling important official positions in the township. Simeon Rexford, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Billings, took up land in the same county, and built the first mill which was established therein, dying at the age of eighty years.

The parents of our subject had five sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to maturity. Simeon remained in his native place until he reached the age of thirty-one, having completed his schooling at the Albion Academy, and having taught for two years. His first marriage took place, October 3, 1861, in Orleans County, N. Y., and his bride was Carrie E. Gray, a native of that county. There the young couple settled upon the farm which the

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young man had bought of his father, until they came to Michigan six years later and purchased one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land in Genesee County, where he now resides. It was already partially improved, and was soon under cultivation. One daughter and one son blessed this union, Bertha H. and William G. The death of Mrs. Carrie Billings took place April 27, 1868, and the second marriage of our subject was November 17, 1869, his bride being Miss Nancy R. Asuley, a native of Davison Township, this county, and to her has been given one daughter, Carrie E.

Mr. Billings has been from his first coming to this county a man of mark, and one whose influence is broad and powerful throughout the county. Many official positions have been tendered him, and in every place which he has filled, has been thorough and systematic, and the duties of the office have been discharged with an eye single to the welfare of the community. He held the office of County Surveyor from 1869 to 1875, and was elected Supervisor during the following years, 1872, 1873, 1877 and 1878. He filled the position of Representative for this district in the State Legislature in 1875 and 1877, and was sent to the State Senate by the Nineteenth Senatorial District in 1879 and 1881. While a member of that body he was on various important committees, and in all cases remembered not only the necessities of his constituents, but the welfare and prosperity of the State.

AARON J. S. SEELYE. It is not every man, even in a country so rich in resources as Michigan, who can start in poverty and make a financial and social success in life; but the list of those who have done this is a remarkably long one, and even among these we find a very considerable number who have added to this success the attainment of intelligence and a rich store of information, besides the acquirement of an influence which makes them marked men in the community. Such a man is Mr. Seelye whose sketch we now give, and whose beautiful home in Davison Township, Genesee County, is an ornament to the county.

Our subject was born March 7, 1834, in Charlton Township, Saratoga County, N. Y., to which his father, Abel Seelye, a native of Connecticut, had come at the age of twenty-one. He was a maker of spindle wheels, but followed farming most of his life and came to Michigan in 1837, where he located nearly six hundred acres of Government land in Atlas Township. His son, Andrew J., the first white settler in this township had preceded him the fall before, and the father moved into the house which that son had built. Their coming here was soon followed by the settlement of other families, and they began to have other neighbors besides Indians, deer, bears and wolves. The father, who helped to organize the township and was its first Justice, died in 1863 at the age of eighty-one. He was a highly respected and well-known man, a great student of the Bible, and was connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Seelye family is descended from five brothers who came to America from England prior to the beginning of the eighteenth century. The mother of our subject, Abigail Seelye, did not change her name in marriage, as she was connected with a distant branch of the family. She died in 1861 in her seventy-fifth year. Eight of her ten children grew to maturity, and two are now living.

All the schooling which Aaron Seelye received was in New York before coming here at the age of seven, with exception of fourteen days when he studied in the log school house at the age of fourteen; and his truly excellent culture and intelligence are the result of his persistent study. At the age of twenty-two he began independent work, taking a season at carpentering. He then opened a general store on section 34, on the 10th of November, 1853, it being the first store in the township. For eight years he thus carried on a successful business, combining with it the manufacture of potash, and at the same time cleared and improved forty acres of land which he had purchased. He closed out his mercantile business

in 1861, but continued his potash manufacturing for thirty years, and in 1860 purchased additional land.

In 1856 Mr. Seelye was united in marriage with Grace Thomas, a native of England, who came with her parents to America in 1847. Their one child, Elizabeth A., is the wife of Freeman Sweers, who is a farmer in this township. The early political preferences of Mr. Seelye brought him into the Whig party and later he became a Republican. He has served some three years as School Inspector, and for three terms served as Township Treasurer, and besides being Highway Commissioner for several years, he is now Justice of the Peace. For two years he was also on the Republican County Committee. He is deeply interested in the Pine Grove Cemetery Association, and has served as its President, Treasurer and Clerk. Upon his fine farm of four hundred and thirty acres he raises all kinds of stock, making a specialty of fine wool sheep and Short-horn cattle. The attention of the reader is invited to the lithographic portraits of Mr. Seelye and his estimable wife, which appear in this connection.

CHARLES C. RICE. Among the business men of Clio, who have done much for the social and moral progress of the village, is this general dealer in hardware and harness, who is carrying on a lively trade in these directions. He was born October 12, 1843, in the town of Volney, Oswego County, N. Y., and is the son of Samuel C. Rice, a native of Bridgeport, Addison County, Vt., who was born about the year 1817, and died in 1884. He had removed at the age of fifteen to Oswego County, N. Y., where he reared a family of nine children, eight of whom are still living.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are Sarah E., a teacher in the public schools at Hornellsville, N. Y.; Harriet, who died in her twelfth year; Catherine W., who is living in Massachusetts; Willis S., a groceryman of Clio; Bertha, who married E. M. Chapin, of Holyoke, Mass.; Edmund P., a lawyer and Circuit Court Commissioner in Midland, this State; Henry W., a jeweler of the same city; and Edith L., who married I. R. Field, a farmer of Vienna Township, Genesee County. The father was a public-spirited man, and a Republican in politics. He served for several years in New York as Highway Commissioner, and was also a farmer and stock-dealer and wool buyer. He came to Clio about the year 1879, and bought the building now owned by his son, carrying on a hardware store, and building the Railroad Flouring Mill. He wife, whose maiden name was Mary Wheeler, is a native of Mexico, N. Y., and still makes her home in Vienna Township.

Charles Rice had his early training on his father's farm, and in the district school, remaining at home until he reached his majority, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Eighty-fourth New York Infantry, and was sent to the front under Gen. Sheridan's command. He took part in the battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864, and received his honorable discharge June 29, 1865. Soon after this he came to Michigan, and for seven years was with a mercantile firm at Hubbardston, Ionia County. Upon first coming to Clio, in 1872, he went into business for himself, but was burned out two years later, and after that disaster he clerked for various firms until about 1881, when he succeeded his father in business, since which time he has built up an extensive and prosperous trade, and is one of the most prominent men of Clio.

The lady who, upon the 6th of October, 1868, became the wife of our subject, was Miss Almira, a daughter of the Rev. E. W. Borden, a Presbyterian minister. Four children came to brighten this home. The eldest is Emma E., who was born July 5, 1869, and after taking an education in the Clio schools, studied at the Flint Normal School, and then after teaching one term, became a stenographer and book-keeper. She worked for a Buffalo (N. Y.) firm some time, and is now her father's book-keeper. The second daughter, Margaret M., was born June 30, 1872, and has had her education at the Clio schools; Clayton C., who was born January 7, 1876, died October 21, 1880; and Carlton, who was born July 17, 1882. The family are members of the Congregational Church at Clio, and are useful in many lines of work in both church and

social circles. Mr. Rice was formerly a Republican, but for the past six years has been a Prohibitionist. As Trustee of the Village Board in 1888, he was largely instrumental in banishing the saloons from the village, and thus did good service to all who are interested in the moral and social welfare of the community.

MONTVILLE BENJAMIN, a retired farmer and capitalist residing in Flushing, is a native of Madison County, N. Y. and was born June 5, 1835. He is a son of James and Sally (Spear) Benjamin, natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively, although married in the first-named State. In his youth the father was a teacher, having been educated at one of the higher colleges of New York. He was also engaged in surveying and later in life became a merchant at De Ruyter, Madison County, continuing in that occupation for a number of years. He then became proprietor of two hundred acres of land, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for the remainder of his life. His decease occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age and his wife died when she was about eighty-five years old.

Our subject's paternal grandfather was Darius Benjamin. He was a Revolutionary soldier and served as one of Gen. Washington's body guards. His father came from Holland. His wife was in her maidenhood a Miss Charity Rice, and was also of Dutch descent. Our subject's maternal grandfather was Eli Spear, the head of a family in Massachusetts who devoted themselves to agriculture.

The subject of our sketch was one of thirteen children born to his parents and of these eleven are now living. They are James D., Alfred, Edward, Eli, Jane, Sarah, Orville, Charity, Mary M. and James H. Jane is now Mrs. W. Nichols; Sarah, Mrs. J. Davidson; Charity, Mrs. Lawrence; Mary, Mrs. Wilson Shepard. Our subject's father was Justice of the Peace and held other township offices. He was a Whig in his political preference and in his religious leaning was with the Baptist Church.

Our subject was educated in De Ruyter, Madison County, and attended the High School there. He was reared a farmer and remained at home until reaching his majority. He then made a trip to Kansas and saw John Brown and James Lane. He there remained nine months and then returned home to commence his farm labors. In the meantime, on the 12th of October, 1859, he was married to Miss Electa R. Judson, who was born at Mayfield, Fulton County, N. Y. The Judson family traces their ancestry to Deacon Daniel Judson, whose son Elisha was born in 1765 and in 1787, married Lucy Case whose birth occurred in 1766. Their children were Sylvester, Sylvanus, Gurden, Elisha, Lucy and Alanson. The parents of Mrs. Benjamin were Sylvanus and Mira M. (Whitman) Judson, natives respectively of Vermont and New York. Mr. Judson retired from farming and settled in Gloversville, where he died. He was an abolitionist of the most pronounced type, and with his wife was a member of the Baptist Church.

After marriage our subject came to Michigan in 1863, settling first in Clayton Township, Genesee County, where he purchased forty acres of land, ten acres of which were improved and bore a log house and log barn. They lived there for about two years and then sold the place and purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres in the same township. Twenty acres had been improved but there was no house and he erected in a short time a board house 16x24 feet in dimensions. That farm he improved and lived on for some ten years.

Our subject enlisted in the war, joining Company H, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry and was in service until the close of hostilities. After selling his one hundred and sixty-five acres he purchased ninety-three acres in the same township and there lived for five years. He thence removed to Flushing which was his home for one year and then purchased two hundred acres adjoining the village on the south side of Flint River. That proved to be the family home for ten years and thence they removed to the beauti-

ful place where they now reside in the southern part of the village. Mr. Benjamin has laid out an addition to the village comprising two acres of land.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of five children—Mira E., James J., Elsie G., Percy W. and Edith J. Politically Mr. Benjamin favors the Prohibition party. He has held the office of School Inspector discharging his duties with great credit to himself and his constituents. He and his wife and children are members of the Baptist Church. Socially he is a Mason and also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank at Flushing and also one of the charter members. Mrs. Benjamin who is a woman of progressive tendencies, is a graduate of the Chautauqua club, having taken her diploma in 1884, and is also the County President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

HON. WILLIAM A. ATWOOD. We are pleased to present a sketch of one of the most prominent citizens of Flint, who is well known, both in political and business circles, as a man of ability and character. He is a member of the firm of Stone, Atwood & Co., proprietors of Stone's Woolen Mills, and also a member of the Wood & Atwood Hardware Company. He is a stockholder and Vice-President of the Genesee County Savings Bank and stockholder in the First National Bank. In the former he has been Vice-President since its re-organization, some fourteen years, and has been interested in the latter for some fifteen years.

Mr. Atwood was born in Niagara County, N. Y., April 11, 1835, and is a son of Asa and Fannie (Gibbs) Atwood. The father was in early life a merchant and later lived a retired life on a farm. Having received his education at Lockport, young Atwood left the farm at the age of seventeen and learned the jeweler's trade at Lockport, and followed that calling for three and one-half years after which he joined his brother, Jesse B., in a stave and cooperage factory at Galt, Canada. In the fall of 1869 he closed out this business and returned to New York, where he carried on a farm near Pendleton for two years, during which time he built a shingle and heading mill. Two and one-half years later the mills burned without insurance and all the property was lost.

In the fall of 1863 our subject returned to Canada where he carried on a business in lumber and shingles until the expiration of the reciprocity treaty in March, 1866, on account of which he closed the business and came to Michigan, engaging in the same business with Jesse B. and B. W. Linnington. They operated a mill with a capacity of thirty thousand feet a day, and in 1877 our subject became interested in the Flint Woolen Mills. In 1884 he became a partner in the hardware business on Saginaw Street, where they carry a full line of both heavy and shelf hardware and agricultural implements.

Mr. Atwood has at a distance of only a mile and a half from the city a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which is carried on under his personal supervision, and another which he rents in Mt. Morris Township. He has been Alderman for the third Ward for two years and was elected Mayor in 1881 on the Republican ticket. During his administration the water-works were established, the first iron bridge in the city was built and other important improvements made. In the fall of 1886 he was elected to the State Senate to represent Genesee and Livingston Counties and in that contest carried his county by more than two thousand majority against ex-Gov. Begole.

During Mr. Atwood's incumbency of the Senatorial office he was chairman of the following committees: on State affairs, on Public Lands and on Railroads. During his term of service he secured for Flint a new city charter and put through various bills for public improvements at Flushing and Howell, besides taking an active part in general legislation for the good of the State.

Since his Senatorial experience this gentleman has retired from active participation in politics and devotes himself mainly to business, being President of the Flint Gas-light Company, in addition to the other important branches of trade previously mentioned. He is a member of St.

Paul's Episcopal Church and has been a Vestryman for twelve years. He is a Mason and a Knight Templar, belonging to the Genesee Valley Commandery. His wife, Helen C., is a daughter of H. C. Wood, one of the oldest residents of this city and the founder of the machine shops here and in Saginaw. The marriage took place in January, 1871, and they have one son, Edwin W.

DELOS I. JOHNSON, a prominent farmer of Genesee County, was born in Lancaster Township, Erie County, N. Y., on November 25, 1831, and is the son of John and Esther (Miles) Johnson. The father was born in Otsego County N. Y., and the mother in Niagara County, but reared to womanhood in Erie County. The paternal grandfather of our subject was one of three brothers who came over from England and settled in Rhode Island. Grandfather Johnson removed from Rhode Island to New York State and settled in Erie prior to the War of 1812. The maternal grandfather of our subject, whose name was Warren Hull, settled in Erie County N. Y., about 1805 and five years after locating there he built, in 1810, a large stone residence, which stands to this day. Until his career was terminated by death, Warren Hull made that his home, and was devoted to his chosen calling as a farmer.

John Johnson, father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation and resided in the townships of Lancaster and Alden, Erie County, N. Y. He came to Michigan late in life and there he passed from the scenes of earth, October 1, 1887, in Thetford Township, Genesee County. The subject of this biographical notice was given good common-school advantages, and at the age of twenty attended for four months the High School at Clarence, N. Y. Shortly after finishing his school days he left the old homestead and engaged to work on a farm; by careful saving he had on hand $100 at the age of twenty-one, and with this money he was prepared to start out in the world for himself.

When he was twenty-one our subject commenced to work for a railroad company, and cleared $250 while thus engaged. In the fall of 1853, he came to Michigan, arriving here October 1, and locating in Thetford Township. He immediately purchased with the money he had saved forty acres on section 12, this being a part of his present property. In 1855 he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, paying for it $1,000, and this constitutes his homestead. It was then a wilderness without roads or any improvements, and he had to set to work to clear the place of its forest growth. With the assistance of some hired help he had cleared about one hundred and fifty acres, and he subsequently added forty acres on section 14, which he has also improved from its primeval condition. He was compelled to mortgage his farm in 1855 in order to meet his obligations but paid off the mortgage in 1858 since which time there has been no indebtedness on the place.

On July 20, 1856, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Hannah J. Scott, of Thetford Township, and three children have come to bless the union, viz.: Charles S., Clara A. and Earl F. Charles is married and resides at Vassar, Tuscola County; Clara married Daniel Ramsey, of Spokane Falls, Wash.; Earl is engaged in the mercantile business in East Thetford and is married. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson occupy an honored position in the community and and their benevolent characteristic and genial, hospitable natures, have won for them a large circle of friends. Since coming to Michigan Mr. Johnson has always resided in Thetford Township, but during the first fourteen years of his residence here he made his home in East Thetford, afterward in 1870 came to his present estate and built the elegant residence where he and his wife are now comfortably domiciled.

In addition to farming Mr. Johnson has operated a threshing machine for the past forty years, and has also engaged in lumbering for twenty-five years. Stock-raising engages his attention considerably, and he raises fine grade cattle, horses and sheep. In the first named he makes a specialty of of Durham stock. In politics he takes an active interest and is identified with the Republican party. He has never been an office-seeker, although he accepted the office of Township Clerk. This how-

ever he resigned after holding it one month, and would never afterward accept public positions, preferring the quiet of domestic life. He takes an active interest in both the Farmer's Alliance and the Patrons of Industry, and to any measure which tends to promote the public weal, he gives his hearty support.

SETH N. BEDEN, who is carrying on general farming on a splendid estate of sixty acres in Vienna Township, Genesee County, is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and education. He was born January 25, 1825, in Rose Township, Wayne County, N. Y., and is a son of Smithfield Beden, who was born in Smithfield, (now called Fairfield,) Vt., and as he was the first white child born in the township, received its name and also had a grant from the township of forty acres of land on account of his name. His father, William Beden, was the first white settler in that township nearly one hundred years ago. That pioneer felled a large hemlock tree which was used as the back of his shanty, and the father of our subject used to remark that he was born in the shadow of a hemlock tree. The grandfather served for seven years, eight months and eleven days in the Revolutionary War and held the rank of Sergeant. He was also in the War of 1812 as was likewise his son Smithfield.

Smithfield Beden became a physician and came to Michigan in 1836, and in Hadley, Lapeer County, took from the Government eighty acres, which he cleared and lived upon until his death, in 1853. When he settled there, there were only fourteen voters in the township which now forms two townships—Hadley and Metamora. For a number of years he was Justice of the Peace and Township Clerk and was a Whig in politics. His faithful wife, to whom he was married in Wyoming County, N. Y., was previous to her union with him, Rebecca Melvin. She was born in New Hampshire and died in Genesee County in 1874, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Their son, Seth, remained at home until he attained his majority, after which he went away from home and worked for his board while attending district school, and then studied at the Fenton schools until able to obtain a teacher's certificate.

The young man taught six terms very successfully and entered the State Normal School of Ypsilanti when it first opened. Lack of funds obliged him to drop out for a while and he became Principal of the Howell schools until he could earn means to resume his studies at the Normal. In order to make up time and graduate with his class he had to take seven studies each term during the last year, and was allowed to undertake this unusual curriculum on condition that when his standing should fall below one hundred on any study he should drop that branch from his list, but he was enabled to continue throughout the year with a grade of one hundred in every branch.

After graduation Mr. Beden taught in Romeo, Hadley and other towns until the breaking out of the war, and then enlisted in 1862, in Company K, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and was in every engagement where it took part, and it is the record of this regiment that it was in four more engagements than any other Michigan command, being under fire more than eighty times. During all this time Mr. Beden was never excused from duty during a single day and for the last six months he was on Gen. Wilson's staff, as Topographical Engineer.

Since the war our subject has largely engaged in teaching and civil engineering and surveying and has twice completed a term as County Surveyor, but has made his home upon his beautiful farm since 1865. It was during that year that he was united in marriage with Miss Emma A. Stearns of Vienna Township, Genesee County, and they have had one child—William S., who was born January 25, 1874, and died in his fourth year.

Mr. and Mrs. Beden are people of devoted Christian character, his connection being with the Congregational Church and hers with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He is connected with the Bradley Post, No. 194, G. A. R. at Clio, and has been a Republican since the formation of that party. His connection with educational matters and his deep interest in them, as well as his native talents have made him very valuable to the

township in regard to all school matters and he has served as School Inspector. He was one of the charter members of the Michigan Engineering Society and has prepared papers and read them before the society. The first Solar Transit ever brought into Michigan was brought hither by this intelligent gentleman and used by him in his surveying and he still has this valuable instrument.

SAMUEL SANSAM, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser, on section 25, Argentine Township, Genesee County, is a native of Lincolnshire, England, and was born September 20, 1833. His parents Robert and Sarah Sansam, followed agricultural pursuits in England and died there. Samuel Sansam is one of a family of twelve children and was reared in the rural districts of his native island where, as the family was large and the parents poor, his opportunities for obtaining an education were exceedingly limited.

This boy at the age of thirteen found it necessary to become self supporting, and began work upon a farm receiving £1 for his first year's work, but as he was industrious and attentive to duty his wages were gradually increased to £8. He heard and read much concerning grand opportunities offered to active and industrious young men in America and he determined to leave behind his kindred and friends and native land and seek his fortunes in the New World. At nineteen he bid farewell to his parents and set sail alone for the United States, and landed in New York after six weeks' voyage. He at first proceeded to Fleming, Cayuga County, N. Y., where he spent a few years as a farm hand and finally had gained such headway in means as to be able to purchase a house and fifteen acres of land near that town and there established a home of his own.

In April, 1863, after a residence of ten years in New York, he sold his property there and came to Genesee County, Mich., where after prospecting for a short time he finally purchased eighty acres of land on section 25, Argentine Township, where he has since lived. This property was partially improved and he made his home in the log house which he found upon the place, until he was able to replace it with a substantial brick residence. As his means permitted he added from time to time by purchase until his broad farm now comprises two hundred acres.

In 1859 Mr. Sansam was united in marriage with Margaret Craver, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., and a daughter of Philip and Coraline Craver, both New Yorkers. Five children were born to them, Louise, deceased; Charles, Frank, William and George. The mother of this household was called from earth in October, 1881; her character was of more than ordinary beauty and vigor and her life both in the home and community afforded an example which will long be cherished as of great value.

The ideas which are advanced by the Republican party are those with which Mr. Sansam has found himself in sympathy, and yet he has not been an active politician, contenting himself with conscientiously attending to his duties as a citizen and using his best judgment in the selection of men and measures for which he shall cast his ballot. In 1883 our subject purchased an imported Percheron stallion and since that time he has given considerable attention to the improvement of his stock; he has raised some very fine horses as well as improved grades of other stock. In the line of cattle he gives his preference decidedly in favor of the Jerseys.

RACHEL J. DAVISON, M. D., one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Flint belonging to the school of homeopathy, was born in Grand Blanc Township, and is a daughter of Paul Davison, who was born in Lima N. Y., and was a son of Rufus, a native of Vermont who became an early settler of Lima, but in his later years came to Michigan and resided with his son until his death in 1842. His wife was a daughter of Capt. Morgan who served through the

Revolutionary War and was present at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Davison family trace their ancestry back to England as far as William Davison who was condemned by Queen Elizabeth to be beheaded at the time that Mary, Queen of Scots, was dethroned, but was later reprieved and incarcerated in the old tower of London for life. The first American progenitor came to this country in 1632.

The father of our subject was educated at the Lima Academy and came to Michigan in 1837 after his marriage, becoming one of the pioneers of Grand Blanc Township. Later he removed to Gaines Township, where he resided until his death in 1889 at the age of eighty-three. He was an old Jacksonian Democrat, a highly educated and well-reared man and had a high standing in the community. His wife, Lucy E. Oathoudt, was born in Cherry Valley, N. Y., and was the daughter of Alexander Oathoudt an early settler near Rochester. Mrs. Oathoudt was a Higinbotham and her father served through the Revolutionary War, having command of a naval vessel. Their first ancestor in this country settled on Staten Island. The mother of our subject now resides with her son, Otis, in Waterloo, Ind. Rufus, another son, was in the Fourth Michigan Cavalry and served until the close of the War and has the honor of being one of the men who captured Jefferson Davis.

Our subject was reared in this county and after attending the common school studied in the Flint High School, and in 1868 engaged in teaching, being employed for three years in the Gaines High School, of which she became Principal, and in 1873 took a position in the Saginaw Public Schools where she remained for five years. She had previously decided to study medicine and make that her life work, and after a year of private study she entered the Homeopathic Hospital College at Cleveland, Ohio, taking her diploma there in 1882, after which she located in Flint and has since practiced medicine here.

Dr. Davison is the complete mistress of her profession and is considered one of the leading doctors in Flint, having a large and lucrative practice and making a specialty of gynecology. She was elected member of the School Board in Flint in 1883 and served a term of three years. Flint was the first city in Michigan to put a woman upon the school board and is proud of its record in that respect. She is a very active woman, well informed and thoroughly intelligent, not only on professional and school matters but on general topics. She is an excellent conversationalist and is actively identified with the Congregational Church.

JAMES HOOL. Prominent in social and agricultural circles is the farmer whose name we have now given, and whose fine property is situated on section 29, Millington Township, Tuscola County. He was born in England, November 17, 1844, and is a son of John and Isabella (Butler) Hool, natives of England, who remained throughout life in their native land. To them were born four sons and three daughters, and as the father was a man of considerable wealth, he was able to give his children good advantages, and he spent his last days in retirement from active labor. He died December 31, 1888, aged seventy-two, and was interred at Dalton Cemetery on the 4th of January. The mother is now living at the age of seventy-three years. The Church of England is the religious body with which they have ever been connected.

After growing to manhood in his native land, James Hool came to America, and spent one year in New York. He had then reached his majority, and it was in 1867 that he came to Michigan and settled in Otisville, Genesee County, where he bought forty acres of land which he afterward sold and removed to Millington Township, where he now has eighty acres. This he has cleared and upon it erected good buildings, and now has sixty acres under cultivation.

Our subject was in 1877 united in marriage in England with Margaret Riley, an English lady, and to them five children were born, namely: Bell, Nellie, Agnes, John, and one who died in early infancy. John Riley, the father of Mrs. Margaret Hool, was a native of England, a miner by occupation, and spent his day in his native land. His

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wife was Ann (Butterflee) Riley, and she became the mother of four sons and four daughters.

The wife of our subject died in October, 1887, and he was subsequently married to Caroline Davis, a daughter of Robert England, a native of England. Our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to Lodge No. 320, at Otisville, and he is also a Master Mason. His political views bring him into harmony with the Republican party, but he is not active in public affairs, preferring to devote his energies to his farm duties.

GEORGE G. MARSHALL. This progressive farmer who now resides on section 26, Genesee Township, Genesee County, was one of the patriotic sons of America who fought and suffered for the glory of the stripes and stars during the period which we call the War of the Rebellion. He was born in Hartland Township, Huron County, Ohio, November 23, 1842. His father, Abel Marshall, was born in the Green Mountain State, but reared in New York, where he found his bride in the person of Mary De Witt, a native of the State. They established their first home in the Empire State, whence they afterward removed to Ohio where the father died at the age of forty-two years.

The mother of our subject after a period of widowhood became the wife of Orin Seeley, of Genesee Township, Genesee County, whose sketch will be found upon another page of this RECORD. The subject of this brief notice is the third child and first son in a family of five, and had his training and early education in his native home. As his father died when he was only twelve years old he found it necessary to support himself when he should have been in school, and his first work upon the farm brought him an income of $8 per month.

The breaking out of the Civil War greatly interested Mr. Marshall, who at once desired to join the Union army but as he was at that time less than twenty years of age he was induced to postpone his enlistment, but finally joined Company I, Tenth Michigan Infantry, in 1862. His regiment was ordered to Corinth and took part in the following battles: Chickamauga, Buzzard's Roost and Marietta. When his term of two years had expired he re-enlisted as a veteran and remained in the army until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge at Jackson and at once returning home.

The next important step in the life of Mr. Marshall was his entering the state of matrimony in February, 1865. He chose as his bride Anna Fletcher, a native of Canada, and they became the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons—Thomas, who died at the age of five weeks; Ethel; Philla; Mary, who died when nine months old; and Orin, who is still beneath the parental roof. The beloved wife and mother was called from the midst of her family June 28, 1888.

Mr. Marshall located after marriage in Thetford Township, this county, where he bought a forty-acre farm and remained for five years. He afterward traded this property for land where he is now living, and at present owns eighty acres there and eighty acres on sections 24 and 26, the same township, where he carries on general farming. His property bears good improvements, among them a commodious dwelling house and five barns. He is a Republican in his political views and a member of Crapo Post, G. A. R., of Flint.

The attention of the reader is invited to the lithographic portrait of Mr. Marshall and the view of his comfortable rural abode presented elsewhere in this volume.

ALEXANDER McARA. The aggressive pioneers of Genesee County have been the ones to be foremost in every new enterprise and improvement, and to thus set a standard for their more timid or less progressive neighbors. Such an one is Mr. McAra, whose family came here in the early days with no wealth, but with the grand possession of independence and pluck, and the determination to

make progress in every direction. They have bought and paid for over nine hundred acres of land, and our subject employed the first steam thresher in the township of Davison, where he lives. To see this people came for miles about, and all condemned it, declaring that it would never do their threshing, since which time they have had abundant opportunity to change their minds. It was he who built the first stone abutments ever put in this township, and he also placed the contracts for the first iron bridge here.

Alexander McAra was born in the North of Scotland, August 29, 1841, and he is the son of John and Jenette McAra. A six weeks' voyage across the ocean was taken by this family in 1857, and the father came to this county, where he located in Atlas Township and carried on a farm on shares for ten years. In 1867 the family removed to Davison Township, where they bought their first land partly improved, and here the father is now living, having completed his fourscore years on the 14th of April last, and the mother is also in her eightieth year. Their married life together has extended over fifty-one years. They were Presbyterians in Scotland, but have not been connected with any church since coming here. The three sons and one daughter of this family are still living, and of that number Alexander is the eldest.

The district school was the scene of our subject's education up to the time he was eleven years old, and after he was twelve he learned the weaver's trade, which was his father's, and after coming to this country began working upon farms at $3 a month, but after the first year worked for his father. They began farming with a yoke of oxen, a plow, a drag and a three-year-old heifer.

In 1877 this young man began independent work on eighty acres of land which he had purchased some time before, and which was all covered with heavy timber. Here he built a log house and began clearing, and his present fine residence was erected in 1877. Abbie R. Seeley, of Cass County, Mich., became the wife of our subject in 1876. She is a daughter of Abner and Ruth Seeley, of New York, the father being born in Saratoga and the mother in Niagara County. They had come to Michigan at an early day, the Seeleys being the first settlers in this township. Mr. Seeley died in 1874, and his estimable wife is still living in Cass County. The seven children of our subject and his wife are: John A., Jessie R., David E., Julia L., Isabel L., Ida F. and James A.

The political principles of our subject are in accord with the doctrines of the Republican party, and he is frequently a delegate to county conventions. He has been Highway Commissioner for two terms and is now Drainage Commissioner. He has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for eight years, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a Trustee. Upon his farm of two hundred acres he raises thoroughbred Short-horn cattle and Poland-China swine, and carries on an extensive dairy business, keeping seventeen cows.

ALBERT J. BRABAZON. There are few homesteads in Genesee County more attractive than that recently purchased by the subject of this sketch, and known as the Casey Potter farm. Without ostentation or any great amount of display, it is the synonym of comfort and plenty, with all the evidences of cultivated tastes and the refinements of modern life. It is pleasantly located on section 20, Thetford Township, and comprises eighty acres of good land. Mr. Brabazon is widely and favorably known as a skillful and progressive farmer, prompt in his business transactions and in all respects a valued member of the community. He possesses great influence in this locality, where he is respected as a wise, noble-minded citizen, and his hand is felt in all measures that are in any way calculated to benefit the township or county.

Having passed his entire life in Thetford Township, Mr. Brabazon is quite well known here, and is conceded to be one of the most enterprising among the [illegible]er residents of the county. He was born

in Thetford Township, Genesee County, on March 25, 1853, and is the son of John and Wealthy Ann (Skinner) Brabazon, natives respectively of England and Connecticut. The father received a good education in his native country and studied medicine with the intention of practicing the profession, but upon coming to this country, he engaged in farming which suited his natural tastes to such an extent that he devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits.

Between the ages of eight and fourteen our subject attended the district school, and as he improved his opportunities to the utmost, he acquired a good practical education. At the age of seventeen he began life for himself, having been thus early thrown upon his own resources by the death of his father when he was eleven. His mother survived until 1880, when she too passed from the busy scenes of earth. She was again married after John Brabazon's death, but spent her closing years with Albert J., who had purchased the old homestead at the age of twenty-one years. Here he remained until 1891, when he purchased the estate on section 20, and located thereon.

A very important event in the life of our subject was his marriage, March 11, 1878, to Miss Alvira Coolidge, a resident of Thetford Township, Genesee County, and a daughter of Moses D. and Mary M. Coolidge. Her father died in the Andersonville Prison during the Rebellion. Five children have come to brighten the home—William Edward, Eva, Byron, Linnie Ann and Mabel Alvira, all of whom remain under the parental roof, and are being given excellent opportunities for good educations, which will enable them in future years to occupy positions of honor and usefulness in the world.

Mr. Brabazon believes that the principles of the Republican party are best adapted to the interests of the Government, and he accordingly casts his ballot for the candidates who are pledged to uphold these principles. His fellow-citizens recognize his fitness for official positions and have chosen him as Township Treasurer, in which he is serving efficiently. He takes more than ordinary interest in educational affairs and has held various offices on the School Board. The Farmer's Alliance recognize him as one of their most earnest members, nor is there any measure or principle that tends to promote the developments of the township in which his support may not be relied upon. At present his health is very poor, but he is able to do the necessary work, and hopes soon to regain his wonted health. He operates as a stock-raiser as well as a general farmer, and in both of these departments of agriculture he is careful, reliable, and painstaking, using the methods best adapted to success in his chosen calling.

MENZO D. BULLOCK. The gentleman whose name is above is one of the successful farmers of Elba Township, Lapeer County. He was born in Decatur, Otsego County, N. Y., in 1832, and was the ninth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, whose names are as follows: Abigail K., Mary A., Caroline, Martha J., John, Almira, Alvira, William, our subject, Elizabeth, Saloma and Irving. The parents of this large family were Shubael and Sally (Campbell) Bullock. The father was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1793, the mother in Otsego County, N. Y., about 1795.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, William Bullock, was a native of Massachusetts. He served in the Revolutionary War. He reared a family of four sons and one daughter, as follows: William, Cyrus, Israel, Shubael, and Electa who became the wife of Benjamin Starkweather. The family are of English descent and have ancestors in the past who distinguished themselves in the history of of their country. Menzo Bullock's father was a cabinet maker by trade and a skilled workman.

The original of this sketch reached years of maturity in the Empire State and came to Lapeer County, Michigan, in 1854. He purchased the farm where he now resides in 1857 and the same year he assumed the duties and responsibilities of married life, his bride being Miss Sarah J. Vilas. As the years have passed the home circle has been increased by the advent of eight children, seven of whom are still living, and whose names are as

follows: Selinda A., Edward L., Julian W., Lizzie A., Albert M., George and Edith M. Edward is a resident of Dakota; Lizzie is the wife of A. Sutherland.

Mrs. Bullock is a daughter of Oreb Vilas, who was born in Derby, Orleans County, Vt., in January, 1803. He removed to Canada East in 1822, where he remained until 1835, when he removed to Wheatfield, Niagara County, N. Y. In 1847 he came to Elba, Lapeer County. In 1829 he had married Jane Severance, a daughter of Ebenezer Severance; she died, leaving no issue and in 1832 he married Sarah, daughter of Elijah Hall. They came to this county and here resided until the time of the father's death, which occurred in September of 1859. The children are as follows: Lucy, who married William Hewett; Alden, who resides in Isabella County; Edward R. lives in Elba; Sarah J. is Mrs. Bullock; William died in the army.

Oreb Vilas was a son of Aaron Vilas, who was born in Worcester County, Mass., in March, 1770; he died in March, 1859, in Quebec, where he spent the last days of his life. He was a brother of Levi B. Vilas, who was father of Hon. William Vilas. Politically, Mr. Bullock is a Prohibitionist and votes as he thinks; in their church preference he and his wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BENJAMIN COTHARIN. This gentleman is one of the oldest settlers now residing in Flint, he having bought property in 1836 upon the site of the present city. A native of Seneca County, N. Y., he was born September 10, 1812, and is the son of Samuel and Leah (Dutcher) Cotharin. The father followed the occupation of a carpenter and joiner, as well as a millwright, and removed in 1815 to Genesee County, N. Y., south of the town of Brockport. At that time our subject was a child of three years, and he later went to Avon, Monroe County, with his parents. Afterward the family removed to Mendon, N. Y., where Benjamin attended school and received a common-school education. This, however, was not the permanent location of the members of the family, for they finally settled in Rochester, N. Y., where the parents spent their remaining years.

When sixteen years old Benjamin Cotharin left home to make his own way in the world and engaged as an apprentice to a shoemaker in Palmyra, N. Y. After the time of his apprenticeship expired he worked at his trade in Reynolds Basin and in the spring of 1831 he started in business for himself at Johnson's Creek. After a close confinement of two years, devoted assiduously to his trade, his health failed and he sold out his business and engaged as a journeyman, peddling his wares from Rochester, N. Y., for three years, and becoming well known in the vicinity of that place as a reliable dealer and an honest man. The year 1836 marked his arrival in Genesee County, this State, the journey being made by way of Buffalo, N. Y., through Ohio to Detroit.

In Shiawassee County, this State, Mr. Cotharin purchased one hundred and twenty acres of unimproved land and also bought a lot in this city on Saginaw Street between Second and Third Streets, paying $300 for the same. In the fall of 1836 he returned to the State of New York where he spent the following winter. February of 1837 found him on the return trip and he reached the city of Flint on March 10. Here he opened the first shoe shop in the place and engaged as a shoemaker. On March 31 he traded his land in Shiawassee County for property in Oakland County. About this time he established domestic ties of his own, choosing as his wife Miss Eliza Carter, of Oakland County, and with her he was united in the holy bonds of wedlock February 18, 1841. Mrs. Cotharin was born March 22, 1822, and was the daughter of Joseph Carter.

After his marriage Mr. Cotharin farmed until 1847 when he sold his place, which he had partly improved, and purchased the Dow farm in Springfield Township, Oakland County, which was his home for eight years. Upon this farm he made extensive improvements, bringing the soil to a high state of cultivation and erecting substantial buildings. After having farmed until 1855 he embarked in the mercantile business in Springfield

Township and was thus engaged for ten months. At the same time he managed an hotel with success. Having from these varied sources accumulated considerable money he removed to Flushing, this State, and bought a farm which he operated for two years. We next find him in Flint, where he was engaged in the grocery business twelve years, and general merchandise until 1868. At that date he retired from active business and has since, in the enjoyment of a comfortable competency, passed his declining years. His course in business has been such as to gain for him the confidence of all who know him, and in social circles his kindly heart and genial manners win for him the friendship of everyone who meets him.

Aside from the various lines of business above mentioned Mr. Cotharin has engaged in other enterprises. He has been a Director in the First National Bank since the second year of its existence, making twenty-nine years in all, and has also loaned money. Until 1889, when he disposed of it, he owned six hundred and five acres in Grand Blanc Township, this county, and now owns one hundred and sixty-one acres in Genesee Township, this county, on which his son resides. He is the owner of city property of considerable value, including three stores on Saginaw Street, one brick store at Flushing, and has disposed of twenty-five acres situated mostly within the limits of the city of Flint. In the growth of the city he has always been interested and has served efficiently as Alderman of the First Ward.

The congenial marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cotharin brought to them seven children, only three of whom are now living. Martha died at the age of seventeen years; John, who resides in Flint, operates a farm in Genesee Township; he married Belle Ferguson and they have two children—William and Hattie. B. F., who married Nora Behee, is in the furniture business in Flint. He and his wife have one child—Marguerite. George A. is in the elevator business in Flint. He and his wife, who was known in maidenhood as Emma Golden, have four children—Arthur, Jessie, George and Blanche. Mrs. Cotharin was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which Mr. Cotharin attends and supports by liberal and regular contributions. The wife passed from earth Dec. 18, 1888. This worthy old couple were highly esteemed wherever known, and it is with pleasure that we present this brief sketch of their lives. They were instrumental in bringing Flint to its present position among the prominent and most thriving cities of the State, and long after they both shall have passed hence, their names and memories will be held dear in the hearts of the citizens of Genesee County.

SIDNEY SAYERS. One of the most attractive farms in Indian Fields Township, Tuscola County, is owned by the gentleman whose name appears above. He is a native of Canada and was born in County Lampton, Province of Ontario, March 4, 1846. He is a son of Thomas Sayers, who was of English origin. The latter was a farmer by calling and devoted himself to his chosen avocation throughout his residence in Canada. He left England with his parents when but four years of age and on settling in Canada was engaged on a farm and worked for other people for some years, but by energy and economy he soon obtained a tract of land, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself the remainder of his life. On reaching manhood he married Mary Ward, daughter of William and Mary Ward and their domestic life was of the pleasantest nature.

Our subject was one of nine children born to his parents, seven of whom are yet living—Ann, William, Mary, Alice, George, Sidney and James. Ann is now the wife of William Clements, of Dakota; William lives in Canada, as does his twin sister Mary, who is now the wife of Richard Thompson; Alice is the wife of William Roberts and resides in Canada; George lives in Washington; Sidney is he of whom we write; James resides in Canada. The father of these children died in July, 1881.

Our subject began life for himself in 1867, beginning his career on a farm. The following year he came to the United States and located in Tuscola County, where he has since resided. In 1873

he was united in marriage to Emily A. Spooner, a a daughter of Robert and Hannah Spooner, of Canada. Most happily married, our subject and his wife are the parents of seven children, whose names are as follows: Maggie M., Minnie A., Lettie J., Cora M., Mary L., Vina G. and Arthur J. None of the children have as yet left the home nest.

Politically, he of whom we write casts the weight of his vote and influence with the Democratic party. By industry and good management he has made a success of farming and instead of the eighty acres of stump and brush land which he secured on first coming here, he now owns a beautiful farm which is all under cultivation and which has good fences and an attractive and commodious residence with barns and outhouses adequate to the needs of the farm.

ISRAEL HILL, a prominent and successful farmer of Davison Township, Genesee County, has a beautiful farm on section 19, upon which may be seen as fine farm buildings as there are in the county. He is highly respected in the community, not only on account of his excellent qualities as a citizen and farmer, but also as a tribute to his sufferings undergone in Rebel prisons during the war. He has resided here for forty-five years and is a native of Genesee County, N. Y. where he was born July 9, 1838. His father, Joseph Hill, was a Vermonter who removed to New York when young and came to Michigan in 1846, settling in this township and who now lives at Davison Station. He has held various offices here having been Treasurer and Highway Commissioner.

Sarah Smith, a Vermonter by birth, became the wife of Joseph Hill and the mother of our subject, who is one of ten children, eight of whom are now living. The mother passed from earth in 1873. Our subject was eight years old when his parents came to Michigan and he is familiar with all the incidents of pioneer life. There was not then a schoolhouse in the township, and the children had to go miles to school. At the age of twenty-one he undertook independent farming, and in the fall of 1861 bought forty acres of partly improved land.

The young man joined the Union army in August, 1862, enlisting in Company K, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry under Col. Chapin. He passed through the siege of Knoxville and while on picket duty about six miles from that city he was captured and sent to Pemberton prison, whence he went to Belle Island and after that to Andersonville, where he experienced the horrors of that prison pen from April to September. He was thence taken to Charleston and after that to Florence, and was so sick and starved that he never knew when he was liberated from this prison, not becoming conscious until he reached Wilmington, N. C. Upon arriving at Baltimore he was given a furlough but was detained at Detroit until he was mustered out June 7, 1865. He weighed one hundred and eighty pounds when he was captured but after he had recovered sufficiently to walk out he found his weight to be one hundred and five pounds. When he was in Andersonville he had charge of a squad of prisoners to whom he issued rations, and during much of the time he had hardly any clothing to wear. He spent almost thirteen months in rebel prisons and this experience is a very painful subject to him.

Resuming farm life, this young hero located on his present farm. He had been married in 1861 to Alice, daughter of Alson Seeley, a native of Connecticut, who was the first man who settled in Davison Township. His sister, Deborah Seeley, who accompanied him to this western wilderness, was the first white woman to enter this township and she died here at the age of eighty-four. He subsequently married Lorzena Wicker and reared a family of six children. Mr. Seeley died March 4, 1862, when about fifty-six years old and his wife died in May, 1887.

The six children who have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hill are Emerson, Rosella, Joseph, Arthur, Daisy, and Walter. The eldest has completed his course and received his diploma at the Flint Normal School and all of the children are receiving a thorough education. Mr. Hill is a member of the Republican party and identified

with the Grand Army of the Republic and also with Lodge No. 109, I. O. O. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are both liberal contributors to religious societies. Their large brick house, built in 1887, is commodious and attractive and the barn is an excellent one. On this fine farm a good grade of stock is raised and all this fine property is the result of his own energy and enterprise as he started out without means.

SAMUEL R. ATHERTON. The first representative of the Atherton family to settle in America came here in company with a small colony of people from England, nearly a century and a half ago. Little is known of this pioneer to the New World, except that he settled among the hills of Massachusetts, and at his death, the date of which is not recorded, he left a son, Shubael Atherton. During the days of the French and Indian War the farmers in the region in which this scion of the family lived, were in constant dread of the incursions of the savages, and their loaded rifles were kept near at hand, both in field and house, and certain members of the family were placed on duty as sentinels to give timely warning to the workers.

Notwithstanding the precautions of the farmers, and especially the family of which we are writing, their dusky foe crept upon them unawares, and Shubael Atherton, with some others, was killed. He left, however, one son to perpetuate the family name. This youth, Adonijah, became a farmer as his father had been. He married Temperance Worthington, and this couple had five sons and six daughters. The family scattered as years passed and the second son, Shubael, determined to try his fortune in a country lying farther West, so in the year 1808, when twenty years of age, he left his home with but little capital, save a good name and an honest purpose to succeed in the world, and emigrated to Jefferson County, N. Y. There he located a tract of land in the town of Henderson. He, however, went back to Massachusetts for his wife, who was Miss Clarissa Childs. The young couple made the journey back to the new home established in New York. Later on two brothers, accompanied by the parents, joined this brother in Jefferson County, N. Y. Three children blessed this union, and all gave willingly their service in the Revolutionary War.

In 1825 Shubael Atherton, with his wife, two children and a nephew, emigrated to Michigan and settled on the farm which they had procured by exchange. The place was in the present township of Waterford, Oakland County, and about two miles west of Pontiac, and when the township was organized the name of Waterford was given to it by Mr. Atherton, father of our subject, on account of the many beautiful lakes within its boundaries. Two children were born to the family here, namely: Sarah, whose decease occurred May 20, 1834, and Samuel Rufus, who was born May 10, 1832, the last named being our subject, and the only surviving member of the family.

In 1836 our subject's father caught the then prevailing fever, which tended toward the new lands of Genesee County, and started out on a prospecting tour. A land office had just been established at Flint River, and being much pleased with the surrounding country, the party with which he was determined to locate a tract of Government land on the Thread River in the present town of Burton. As there were several members of the family who procured land on the Thread River it was called the "Atherton Settlement," a name which it has borne for more than fifty years, and which doubtless it will continue to bear much longer.

Our subject, Samuel R. Atherton, who is the ex-County Treasurer of Genesee County, has lived in Burton Township for fifty-five years. He was born in Waterford Township, Oakland County, May 10, 1832, his birthplace there being a log house. He was four years old when brought to this township by his parents, in 1836. The new home was a wilderness, and the cutting out of roads and clearing of the farms depended wholly upon individuals, but as they had relatives near at hand it was not so lonely as for many other families. His father erected a log house, in which the family lived for many years. It served not only as a residence, but was also used as a chapel for religious services.

The audience gathered socially in the winter time about the fireplace, which had a stick chimney, Samuel Atherton attended school in the log schoolhouse of pioneer days and studied on slab benches. The school year was limited to about three months during the winter.

Bereft of his father when sixteen years of age, the original of our sketch was obliged to give his labor in connection with his brother to the cultivation of the farm, and together they cared for their mother. In the spring of 1855 he purchased his present farm, on sections 21 and 22, Burton Township. It was partially improved, and since moving upon the place he has devoted himself to the clearing and cultivation of the tract. On December 19, 1855, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Lloyd, who was born in Rodman, Jefferson County, N. Y. She is a daughter of Eli and Eunice (Skinner) Lloyd, both natives of the Empire State, who emigrated to Ohio at an early day and there died.

Mrs. Mary Atherton died April 30, 1887. She was a life-long member of the Baptist Church, and a zealous and devoted Christian. She was, however, pre-eminently a home-maker, and the greatest eulogy that can be paid her is that she made home pleasant. She left three children—Lewis, Charles C. and Minnie. Charles C. is now married and lives on the home farm. They were married March 18, 1885. The bride was Miss Phebe Morehouse, daughter of Jeptha B. and Phebe (Tyler) Morehouse, a native of Portland, Ionia County, Mich. The eldest son and only daughter are deceased. Mr. Atherton was a Republican in his political creed, and belonged to that party until 1883, when he joined the Prohibitionists. He has held various township offices, and has been Supervisor of the township for five years. In 1876 our subject was nominated by the Republican party as Treasurer of Genesee County, and received a most flattering election. He held the office for four years. He takes a great interest in temperance, and also in church work, having been a member of the Baptist Church since fifteen years of age. He has been a Deacon of the First Baptist Church since 1872. Our subject is President, and has been Treasurer, of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Genesee County, for four years, and in 1888 he became interested in the Farmers' Home Mutual Insurance Company. He is one of the Directors and Treasurer of the same. For four years he served as a member of the County Board of Superintendents, and was associated during that time with R. W. Dullam and L. J. Hitchcock. The death of Mrs. Atherton caused the abandoning by Mr. Atherton of a pleasant home in the city of Flint, where they had resided for ten years, since which time Mr. Atherton has made his home on the farm with his son, where they are mutually interested in its management.

JOHN T. GILMAN is a retired farmer living at Flushing. He was born in Tioga County, N. Y., December 23, 1821, and is a son of John T. and Mary (Pierce) Gilman, natives of Massachusetts, where they were reared and married. Later they removed to Tioga County and engaged in farming, and there the mother died in 1866. The father came to Michigan and settled in the village of Flushing, making that his home until his decease, which occurred in 1881. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a Republican in politics, and in his religious creed was united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, although his wife was a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Gilman's father was Joshua Pierce, a native of Massachusetts, and a cooper by trade, although a farmer by calling. He died in New York in 1849.

Our subject was educated in his native county, and was reared a farmer there. He continued to live at home, even after his marriage, taking charge of the farm. The family came to Michigan in 1869 and settled in Mt. Morris Township, where our subject farmed one hundred and sixteen acres. This he improved, building a fine residence and two good barns. It constituted his home for fifteen years, and then he removed to the place where he now lives.

Mr. Gilman was married February 10, 1849, to Miss Martha Jordan, of Tioga County, N. Y. She

Respectfully
Thomas Otway

is a daughter of John and Hannah (Lynch) Jordan, natives of Orange County, N. Y. The father was a farmer and lived and died in Tioga County. Mrs. Gilman is of Scotch and German ancestry. Our subject and his wife have only one daughter living, Flora, Mrs. H. Cassady. The three deceased children are Franklin, George W. and Charles L.

The original of our sketch enlisted in the army in the year 1863, joining Company D, Eighty-fifth New York Infantry. He was in the service nineteen months, and was with Gen. Sherman's army on his noted raid, and was fighting all the time. He was captured at Plymouth, N. C., and was incarcerated in Andersonville prison for nine months and when finally he was liberated he weighed but seventy-five pounds. He came home on a furlough in order to recuperate, and later returned to his regiment at New Berne, N. C. They made their last stand at Riley at the time of the surrender of Gen. Johnston. He has never been well since his war experience. Mr. Gilman is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a man who stands prominently among the retired business men of this village.

THOMAS OTTAWAY. Fifty-two years ago Mr. Ottaway came to the farm where he now (1891) resides in Clayton Township, Genesee County, and he has seen great changes here. He is a native of England, born April 30, 1837, and a son of George and Harriet (Boutcher) Ottaway. The father came to America in 1839 and settled upon a farm one mile east of where this son now resides, taking thirty-five acres of wood land from the Government. Upon it he built a log house and lived therein many years. To this property he added eighty acres more and continued there until his death in 1856. His faithful companion survived him for many years and died at the age of four score in 1891.

The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and meetings were held in their log cabin. If no preacher was to be had George Ottaway himself led the meeting and exhorted the people to turn to God. He was a man of broad reading and fine abilities, and his life was an unblemished one. He was loved by all who knew him and the people who attended these meetings often said that they never heard such prayers as were offered by him there. While crossing the ocean, which voyage occupied three months of his childhood, Thomas Ottaway came near finding a watery grave, as he fell overboard and would have been drowned in all probability had not his mother who stood by caught him by the dress and thus saved him.

Our subject remained at home assisting his parents and after his father's death he took charge of the farm until his marriage in 1861 with Miss Sarah S., daughter of John I. and Cornelia M. (Cristler) Sprague. The Spragues had come at an early day from New York to Macomb County, and later to Clayton Township, this county. Mrs. Sprague died during their residence in Macomb County, and Mr. Sprague passed to the other world in 1886 from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ottaway.

The first wedded home of Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway was on a farm on section 8, this township, and later they removed to a property south of Flint, and afterward returned to the old homestead. Ten years later they removed to the place where they now reside when it was all an unbroken forest and here they built a small board house 16x22 feet in dimensions and entered upon the work of clearing the one hundred and sixty acres of land. It is now a beautiful farm and is well supplied with fine buildings. The four children of this couple are Effie S., Thomas G., Eugene and Nettie E. The eldest daughter is now Mrs. Spafford and the mother of four children, May, Roy, Clare and an infant son. Thomas married Cora Todd, and they have two children, George and Floyd.

The Republican doctrines are highly endorsed by Mr. Ottaway, and he is prominent in the ranks of that party. He has held the office of Pathmaster and also some school offices. The Methodist Episcopal Church is the religious body with which both he and his wife are connected. During the boyhood of our subject times were very hard and money scarce, and all one winter he went without

shoes. He has probably shot as many as fifty deer besides other game, and whenever he went to the woods he took his rifle and when he shot game which he could not carry he would hang it on a tree for his father to bring home.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Ottaway is presented on an accompanying page.

JR. STOCKDALE. About 1871 there located in Flint a gentleman who has since been closely connected with its development and who forms the subject of this biographical notice. Since locating here he has given his attention exclusively to real estate and loans and has by energy and good judgment become well-to-do. His home is on a pleasant farm in Flint Township, conveniently situated to the city so that the residents thereupon have all the advantages to be gained by close proximity to the city as well as the comforts of rural life. There has been no enterprise originated for the benefit of Flint which has not received the hearty co-operation of Mr. Stockdale and his aid in every possible way. He has been Director in the Citizens' Commercial and Savings Bank of Flint, from the time of its organization as it now stands until the present—1891.

The eyes of Mr. Stockdale first opened to the light in the beautiful City of Brotherly Love, and his natal day was October 19, 1821. His father, John, was a resident of Philadelphia until his death. His mother bore the maiden name of Mary Rutherford and was a native of Pennsylvania. The subject of this sketch received his education in Philadelphia and at an early age displayed considerable business talent. Before he was twenty-one he bought out his employer, a carriage-maker, and during the War with Mexico he took a contract with the United States Government and made a large supply of wagons for service in the war. After he closed out that business he went to New York, where he engaged in dealing in machinery. For ten years he was in two New York offices of his own and transacted a large amount of business, having customers all over the United States.

Closing out that business in 1870, Mr. Stockdale came to Flint, Mich., where he has since resided, and at once began to operate as a money loaner and real-estate agent. He has made large loans of money in this city and county, principally farm loans. As prosperity crowned his efforts he invested his money in farm property, having at different times owned many farms; his wife is the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of fine land adjoining the city, a portion of it being within the corporate limits of the city of Flint. This he uses as a stock and grain farm and makes his home. It is a beautiful place, improved and cultivated, while a first-class set of farm buildings has been erected to suit the convenience of the proprietor. Mr. Stockdale also owns eighteen other farms in Genesee County, besides considerable city property. Included among his other pieces of property is the Normal School and two blocks around it, some fine business structures and some lots on Fifth and Garland Streets. All of these are for trade or sale.

Beside his property in Genesee County Mr. Stockdale owns land in Lapeer, Tuscola and Saginaw Counties, and odd lots in other counties. His business interests have so entirely engrossed his attention that he finds no time to devote to politics, and aside from voting the Republican ticket he takes little interest in political affairs. His beautiful home is presided over by his estimable wife, who was formerly Mrs. Mary Hartshorn, of this city. Their marriage was solemnized October 11, 1870, and they have become known as benevolent, charitable people, filling the duties of their position in life in such a way as to win the confidence of the community.

ORANGE S. THOMAS. Living a modest life in the rural districts are many of the men who fought most bravely and fearlessly during the war which saved our country from decimation. He of whom we write, who has a comfortable farm of one hundred acres located in Burton Township, Genesee County, was one of the famous First Michigan Cavalry and fought

under Custer. He enlisted when a mere boy of fifteen years and served five years in the war, six months of which time he passed in the dreary Confederate prison of Andersonville.

Mr. Thomas was born in Kendall Township, Orleans County, N. Y., May 3, 1846. He is a son of Nelson Thomas, of Jefferson County, N. Y., and his father was born in 1812 and adopted the calling of farming, which he pursued throughout his early career in the Empire State. He emigrated with his family to Genesee County in 1846 and at once located in Burton Township where his decease occurred in 1861. Here he cleared and improved a farm. Our subject's mother was in her maidenhood a Miss Betsey Ann Smith. She died in 1870. The parents were devoted members of the Protestant Methodist and Episcopal Churches.

Our subject was six months old when brought to this State and was reared in the woods. His first knowledge of the three R's was gained in a log schoolhouse a mile and three-quarters from his home. He remained at home until the breaking out of the war and September 1, 1861, he enlisted in the First Michigan Cavalry in Company H, under Col. Thornton Broadhead. He participated in a great many skirmishes but the first important battle in which he took part was the second engagement at Bull Run. He was also at Harper's Ferry, Winchester and Cedar Mountain in 1862. In the fall of the same year he was at Chantilly. He was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, both in the arm and in the left side, and was sent to Philadelphia to the hospital. In the fall of 1863 he participated in all the battles of the Rappahannock and during the winter came home on a furlough. Later, as Grant's advance guard, his regiment participated in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Courthouse. Sheridan was at the time in command of the cavalry and soon after went on his famous raid to Richmond. Thereafter our subject was in twenty-one battles in as many days. Mr. Thomas was taken prisoner in the battle of Trevilian Station by a force under Fitz-Hugh Lee. He was held for two days in Libby prison, thence was taken to Andersonville, where he remained for three months, then was transferred to Florence, S. C., where he was confined for three months, and later was released on parole. After various experiences he reported at Camp Chase, Ohio, and remained there until April 11, 1865. His regiment was sent down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Thence our subject started across the plains to Salt Lake City where he spent one year and was there discharged March 10, 1866. His regiment met the enemy thirty-two times with sabres and participated in sixty-four pitched battles.

After returning home our subject resumed his early occupation and began farming. December 18, 1867, he was married to Miss Melissa L. Clark, a native of this township. Of this union there are six children—Frederick H., Hattie D., Arthur B., Leroy, Bertha M. and Ulysses. Mr. Thomas is a Republican and has been Treasurer of the township for one term. He is naturally much interested in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic and socially belongs to the Patrons of Industry and also to the Good Templars. Both he and his wife are members of the Protestant Methodist Church and have been so connected for twenty years. The broad acres which he owns are fertile and productive.

WILLIAM B. SUTTON, a prosperous farmer located on section 36, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., June 17, 1833. He is a son of John and Susan (Williamson) Sutton, the former a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., who served a regular apprenticeship in the saddlery and harness trade, which he worked at until he came to Michigan in 1846. Our subject's mother was a native of Warren County, N. J. They were married in the latter State, thence removed to New York State making a a stop in Genesee County, after which they settled in Orleans County and purchased a farm in the well-known "Holland Purchase." In 1835 they sold out and ten years later came to Michigan.

On coming to this State our subject's family staid for one winter in Oakland County, thence

came to Elba Township, Lapeer County, and settled upon a farm of eighty acres which was partially improved. In December, 1847, he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres which was partly on section 36, Lapeer Township, and partly on section 31, Attica Township. It was all virgin land which was only occasionally visited by the Indians. Our subject and his brothers put in sixty acres of wheat, having cleared the land the previous winter. They built a frame house and this became their parents' home. The father died in 1856. The mother survived until 1889. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living and of these our subject is the eldest. By a previous marriage he had six children.

The original of our sketch was thirteen years of age on coming to Michigan. He attended the district schools, walking three miles in order to reach the building. He later became a student at Almont and on finishing his course devoted himself to farming, always remaining at home during the time. He had to look after the work when quite young and after his father's decease he bought out the equities of the other heirs and secured the home farm, since which he has resided here. He now has two hundred and fifty acres of fertile land, of which two hundred and ten acres are under cultivation.

Since coming into full proprietorship of the farm our subject has built a large barn, a fine ice-house and other outbuildings. His present residence was built twelve years ago at a cost of $1,800 and is a comfortable and commodious building. Mr. Sutton carries on general farming, raising much grain and good graded stock. In December, 1859, he was married to Miss Lois Bolton, a daughter of David Bolton, an early settler in Michigan, coming hither from New York State. Mrs. Sutton was born September 21, 1835, in Macomb County, this State. She was a teacher for several years previous to her marriage and died April 20, 1887. She and her husband were the parents of four children whose names are Cassius C., Jonathan R., John B. and Mary F. John B. is now a student in the University at Ann Arbor, taking a course in pharmacy; Jonathan R. graduated at the Dryden High School and has taught for several terms. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at South Attica, in which Mr. Sutton has been Steward for years, and gave his aid in erecting the church building. He has also been active in Sunday-school work. For a number of years he has been a member of the local School Board. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order at Dryden. Politically he is a Republican and has been a delegate to State, Senatorial and Congressional conventions. He held the office of Supervisor for several years and has also been Highway Commissioner. He lives in the extreme southeast corner of Lapeer Township.

MRS. SARAH A. (OTTAWAY) STONE, the widow of Judson A. Stone, resides on section 11, Clayton Township, Genesee County, where her beautiful home stands amidst such surroundings as make it noteworthy to any passerby. She is the representative of one of the first and foremost families in this part of the county, and has the universal esteem of her neighbors. Her husband was born in Commerce Township, Oakland County, this State, February 2, 1841, and was a son of William and Betsey A. (Alba) Stone. They were natives of New York, and came in the early days to Oakland County. Mr. Stone was educated in Genesee County.

At the age of eighteen years Judson Stone enlisted in 1862 in Company B, First Regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. He spent two years and nine months in the service of his country, and after the war returned to Michigan and came to Clayton Township, Genesee County, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. In 1867 he married Miss Sarah A. Ottaway, daughter of George and Harriet (Boutcher) Ottaway, an English couple who came to this country in 1839. A sketch of their lives will be found in the biography of Thomas Ottaway, which our readers will find elsewhere in this volume.

After marriage Mr. Stone combined work at his trade with farming on his forty acres of land on

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section 10, Genesee County, upon which he made his home for fifteen years. After selling this property he bought the farm where his widow now resides, which comprises eighty acres. This property was already in an improved condition, and he put it under thorough cultivation, and brought it up to a high standard of productiveness. Besides doing general farming, he kept a fine quality of stock. For about nine years he filled the office of Deputy Sheriff and besides that held other township offices. In his political views he was a Republican, and he belongs to the social orders of Odd Fellows and Royal Templars.

Mr. Stone lost his health during his military service, and during the last year of that period he was unable to be active. He was highly respected by all who knew him, and had not an enemy in the world. In his religious belief he was a Methodist and when he died March 3, 1891, his loss was greatly felt by his Christian brethren. His widow is also a Methodist in her faith, and has been a member of that church since she was fourteen years old. Thoroughly educated and well-equipped she is a woman of influence and one of the most prominent in the township. System and thoroughness mark her work in carrying on the farm and she is keeping it up to its old standard. Their three children are Elmer E., Hattie B. and Inez.

LEWIS TAYLOR, M. D. In no profession is it more needful to find the true milk of human kindness than in the medical profession, where personal influence is a medicine in itself of no small potency. He of whom we write has a reputation far and near of being one of the kindest of men, as well as a skilled physician. His purse as well as his heart is always open to the poor, the sick and the needy, and no better memorial can be raised to him in time to come than the fact that he was loved by all.

On the opposite page is presented a portrait of Dr. Taylor who is a practitioner of the homeopathic school in Flushing. He was born in the township of London, Cheshire County, N. H., October 2, 1818. He is a son of Theodore and Lucy (Ballow) Taylor, natives of New Hampshire and Rhode Island respectively. His father, a manufacturer of boots and shoes, came to Michigan in 1842 and settled in Branch County. His decease occurred August 11, 1845, when at the age of sixty-three years. His wife died in Lenawee County, this State, July 15, 1853, being at the time sixty-two years of age. The father had served in the War of 1812.

The parents had a family of fourteen children, who in 1834 were all living, although widely scattered. Seven of them still survive. They are—Theodore; Lewis, of whom we write; Jane, Mrs. Maxwell; Mary, Mrs. Southard; Phila, Mrs. Albertson; Martin, a physician, and Steward. Ransom Taylor, one of our subject's older brothers, who was born in Smithfield, R. I., in 1807, graduated from the University of New York, and received the appointment of professor in the Deaf and Dumb Institute in New York City. He later studied theology and gave promise of being a brilliant theologian as he had been a intelligent student. He died at Augusta, Ga. February 4, 1838, at the age of thirty years, eight months, and eighteen days. Another brother, Henry Milton, who was born June 2, 1833, died April 13, 1834.

Our subject was reared on the farm until sixteen years age when he began to take care of himself, supplementing that work with his labor on the farm. He continued that way for two years spending the following two years in Orleans County, N. Y., where he was engaged in selling and putting up farm machinery, and at the same time he was studying medicine. He continued to be so employed until 1847 when he came to Michigan and settled first in Rome Township, Lenawee County, entering eighty acres of land which was heavily timbered. He was engaged in the raising of wheat and improving his place which he sold at the end of two years. After remaining at Adrian for one year he traveled as agent, and engaged in collecting and selling libraries and law books. Thence he came to Flushing, at a time when there was but one small store here.

In 1848 Dr. Taylor began studying medicine with Dr. Henry Knapp as preceptor, giving attention to the homeopathic treatment. He was with him for two years and then he began the practice of medicine at this place, whither he came in 1852. He has a very fine library, comprising rare and costly medical works, works on theology and a fine historical library. In 1862 he with others, organized a Homeopathic Medical Society at Detroit. The censors were the following gentlemen, Dr. Charles Hempel, Dr. Edwin M. Hale, and Dr. A. H. Botsford. These gentlemen were all practical and experienced men, who were leading homeopathists and were the originators of useful and practical medical works. Dr. Taylor has been a hard worker for the School of Homeopathy in this State and through his endeavors and labors he has lived to see this branch of medicine take a high position in scientific circles, and has felt that it is a victory gained for the school in that they have secured the establishment of a Chair in University at Ann Arbor.

Dr. Taylor has been very successful in his work and has had a circuit whose radius extends from fifteen to twenty-eight miles. Frequently the poor and unfortunate have been richer in store and larder after one of his visits. He has been in the practice of medicine for many years, being at the present time seventy-three years of age. He is a self-made man, his school years extending only until fourteen years of age. The Doctor has a beautiful home on the line of the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw Railroad.

Dr. Taylor was married February 3, 1841, to Miss Ellie L. Bird, of Westchester County, N. Y. She is a daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Howes) Bird, natives of the Empire State, and the parents of ten children of whom six are now living; Eliza, George W., Ellie L., Edmund, James, and Elijah. The eldest daughter is Mrs. Hammond. Ellie is Mrs. Dr. Taylor. Our subject and his wife are the parents of six children, three of whom survive: Sarah, who is Mrs. Rezeau, and the mother of two children; Lucy, Mrs. Green, also the mother of two children, and Ellie, Mrs. Green, having two children. Those who died were Louise, born May 11, 1854, died February 23, 1858; Theodore, born July 5, 1860, died August 6, 1860, and one son who died in infancy. Our subject is a Republican in politics and he and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church. His daughters Lucy and Ellie are both fine musicians. The former is now teaching and has been so engaged for the past fifteen years.

CLARK SIMPSON has retired from the active labor of proprietorship of his farm although he still resides upon his place which comprises seventy-eight acres on section 24, Flushing Township, Genesee County. He is a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., and was born March 24, 1824. He is a son of John and Phœbe (Card) Simpson, natives of St. John's, Canada, and of Vermont respectively. The father was a farmer in Rensselaer County. He was a man of wealth and position, the owner of five farms, and continued to be interested in agriculture throughout his life. He was a Democrat in politics. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Abel and Electa Eldridge, natives of Vermont, and farmers. They also were Democrats.

Clark Simpson is one of a family of nine children born to his parents, five of whom are now living—John R., Clark, Milo, Emeline and Harriet. Our subject was educated in the district schools in the town of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, N. Y. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and he lived at home until twenty years of age. He then married Miss Eliza S. Davis, their nuptials being solemnized October 23, 1844. She was a native of Windham County, Vt., and a daughter of William and Mary (Sargeant) Davis, natives of New Hampshire. The former was a farmer and had a large tract of land upon which he remained until his decease. They had nine children, seven of whom are yet living. They are William, Mary, Eliza, (Mrs. Simpson,) Gilman, Hannah, Alfred and Merrill. Mr. Davis was a Democrat in politics and a prominent man in that county. His parents were natives of New Hampshire, the grandfather being

a soldier in the Revolutionary War and serving all through, coming out with an honorable wound.

After his marriage our subject continued farming for several years on one of his father's places, then he and his father purchased four hundred and fifty acres upon which he removed and lived there for eighteen years. He then sold it and came to the place where he now lives. He purchased one hundred and forty acres in two different pieces and built a fine house where he still lives. He has devoted himself to general farming.

Our subject has four children—Deroy, May, Merritt E., and Deloss C. May is Mrs. W. Z. Hutchison and is the mother of three children. Mr. Hutchison is an apiarist and editor of the *Bee-Keepers' Review*; Merritt married Nettie Wilcox and is the father of three children; Deloss C. married Hattie Beckwith—his first wife, now deceased, was Mary Duff. Mr. Simpson is a stanch Democrat and has held the office of School Director. He is a practical bee-keeper and has often lectured on the nature and physiology of the honey-bee. He has imported these from Italy and Syria and has paid as high as $20 for a queen, at one time having five hundred swarms.

JACOB D. CARPENTER, a prominent and able man residing in Burton Township, Genesee County, is a son of William and Lorania (Pierce) Carpenter, New Yorkers by birth, who came to Michigan in 1837, settling in Atlas Township, this county, where the father is still living at the age of eighty-seven. He took up Government land and having built a log house cleared and improved his one hundred and sixty acres. His father, George Carpenter, who lived to be one hundred and three years old, belonged to a Quaker family. He was a little boy at the time of the Revolutionary War, and loved to recount that he had the privilege of holding Gen. Washington's horse on one occasion. He was afflicted with a trouble of the eyes which made him nearly blind when he was twenty years of age, but when he reached the age of ninety he received his second sight and his eyes were greatly improved. The family is of English descent, and the mother of our subject was of Welsh descent. She lived to reach the age of eighty years and was the mother of four sons and three daughters, all but one of whom are living.

Jacob Carpenter is the eldest of his father's family and was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., June 28, 1834. He was three years old when his parents came to Michigan. They traveled by ox-team and as the road was bad the mother walked most of the way carrying this child. It was sometimes necessary to hitch four yoke of oxen to one wagon in order to cross bad places. The Indians were friendly in those days and often came to sleep on the floor in front of the old fashioned fire-place and kept the family supplied with venison.

The log schoolhouse, and afterward a temporary board building, supplied the opportunities for education in the youth of our subject, and until he was twenty-two years of age he worked with his father, helping to improve the farm. For nearly three years he worked at blacksmithing, but in 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, joining the First Regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, under Col. William B. Innes. This regiment was an independent one and was in three different battalions. The battles in which Mr. Carpenter engaged were Stone River, Chattanooga, and Savannah, where he was for several days engaged in the siege of that city and Bentonville, N. C. He was in a hospital for six weeks and received his final discharge, September 22, 1865, having served for nearly three years.

After the war this young man engaged in farming in Davison Township, Genesee County, buying a farm there which he found partly improved, although only seven acres of the one hundred and sixty had seen any cultivation. In 1878 he sold this property and removed to Burton Township, where he purchased one hundred and thirty four acres and upon this he has since built an attractive brick house.

The married life of Jacob Carpenter began in 1856, when he married Mary Hosler, a native of Atlas Township, this county, and a daughter of

George and Electa S. Hosler, both New Yorkers, who were early pioneers in this section of the State and have now passed to the other life. Six children came to bless this home, namely: George W., Charles E., Alsie (deceased), Denton J., Elizabeth M. and Loren D. Elizabeth has taught several terms of school and is considered one of the leading teachers of this township.

The Republican party represents the political views which receive the endorsement of Mr. Carpenter, and he is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also the order of Odd Fellows. He has devoted himself largely for several years to breeding Holstein cattle and has always taken considerable interest in sheep. He helped to organize the creamery at Flint, and is one of the stock-holders. While a resident in Davison Township he helped to organize the Ball Cheese Factory which has been in operation for several years. He began life with almost nothing and his fine success has been the result of his own endeavors, for which he deserves and receives great credit.

WALTER J. COLE. In the early days of the State of Michigan there came hither one who, attracted by the fine soil and splendid opportunities for a poor man, resolved to here cast his lot and seek his fortune. Since that long ago time he has labored earnestly and energetically, and not in vain, to become independent in finances and he now has one of the finest estates of Genesee County. This farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres, is finely located in Forest Township, and contains all the improvements in the way of farm buildings and machinery which may be found on the estate of the thrifty farmer. In the community he is recognized as one of the representative citizens and successful agriculturists of this county, who have been such important factors in its development.

The native place of Mr. Cole was in the State of New York and he was born in Monroe County, June 3, 1827. His father, Nathaniel W., was born in Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., while the mother, whose maiden name was Mary Peters, was born in Wayne County, the same State. Nathaniel W. Cole followed the calling of a farmer, and was a man of uprightness and industry. The early life of the subject of this notice was unmarked by any event of especial importance, except that saddest of misfortunes which can befall a little child, the death of his mother when he was only five years old. After that bereavement he was taken into the home of his aunt, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, who gave to him a mother's care and not only sent him to school but trained him at home to become an honorable and successful citizen and business man.

At the age of eighteen, Mr. Cole began life on his own account. He worked for some time on the Erie Canal, and then in 1844 he came to Michigan and located in Genesee County, which has been his home for the past forty-seven years. His early efforts here in the way of establishing a home and cultivating a farm met not with sudden, but with sure, success and after April 9, 1851, he had the cheerful co-operation and active assistance of his wife. Mrs. Cole was known in maidenhood as Marion W. Hastings, and resided prior to her marriage in Davison Township, Genesee County. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Susette C., Rena E. and Thankful; Rena still remains under the parental roof and is an accomplished young lady. The others are married, Susette being Mrs. M. Middleton and Thankful becoming the wife of Wallace Smith, all of Forest Township.

After his marriage Mr. Cole engaged as a farmer and also followed lumbering for a few years. He improved a place in Davison Township, where he made his home fourteen years. Next he removed to Richfield Township, and there resided another fourteen years. In 1882 he made his last removal, coming to Forest Township and locating on his present place. He has improved three farms from an almost primeval condition, and not only did he clear the land of its forest growth, but on each farm he planted an orchard and erected substantial buildings. At an early day he was a Whig in his political sentiments but he is now a stanch Republican. He held the office of Treasurer of Davison

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Township two years and served the people faithfully in that capacity. His wife belongs to the Baptist Church, to the support of which he contributes liberally, and he also gives of his means to any benevolent enterprise worthy of his aid. He has been a witness of many great changes in this region, coming here when settlers were few and surviving to witness the evolution of large cities and splendid farms from a dense wilderness.

BELA COGSHALL, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Flint, where he has practiced since 1871, was born in Groveland, Oakland County, this State, March 31, 1842. He is the son of Hon. Bela Cogshall, Sr., who was born in Schenectady County, N. Y., in 1816, and was a farmer by occupation. The father was an early settler of this county, where he became very prominent in public affairs. He married Miss Susan J. Hunt, who like himself was a native of Schenectady County, and after that important event, came to this State in 1836. Having decided to become a lawyer, he began to study Blackstone, and in due time was admitted to practice at the bar of the State of Michigan.

Bela Cogshall, Sr., commenced the practice of his profession in Holly, and while residing there was elected to the State Legislature. Prior to that he had served as Sergeant-at-Arms. In educational affairs he was considerably interested, serving as Director of the schools at Holly, and being President of the School Board for some time. He also filled the position of Justice of the Peace. In the Masonic order he became very prominent, and the transactions of the Grand Chapter of 1882, for Michigan, give a full account of his Masonic history. He was made Knight Templar at Pontiac March 21, 1854, and held the highest offices in all the lodges of which he was a member. From 1854 until 1856 he was Grand Instructor of the Blue Lodge of Michigan and visited all the lodges, with one exception, in this State, correcting them in their work. He died October 21, 1881. His wife had passed from earth in 1860.

Our subject received his education at Clarkston Academy and in the schools of Flint, to which city he came in 1860 and remained for some time attending school. After completing his literary education he entered the office of William E. Fenwick, M. D., of Davisburg, Oakland County, and after reading medicine with him two or three years, he studied with Dr. M. L. Green, of Pontiac. Later, in 1864, he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, where he took a course of lectures. He was graduated from the medical college of Philadelphia in March, 1866. After his graduation he came to this county and located in the village of Gaines, where he practiced for eight years. Since that time he has resided in Flint, where he has gained an enviable reputation as a thorough physician and skillful surgeon. While he has a general practice he makes a speciality of diseases of the eye, being considered one of the best oculists of the country.

The Doctor has always been greatly interested in sanitary measures, and for many years was sanitary editor of the Flint *Democrat*, and late of the *Globe*. He is a member of the American Public Health Association, and at the tenth annual session of this association held in Indianapolis October 17, 1882, he had a very interesting paper entitled, "Is consumption a contagious and parasitic disease?" This article was widely copied by the medical press of the country, and received very favorable comment, not only in the United States, but also in France. Dr. Cogshall is the author of a pamphlet entitled, "Consumption: Is it a contagious disease? What can be done to prevent its ravages?", which was published and distributed by the State Board of Health. His sanitary work has not been of a local nature only, but has a world-wide reputation.

Dr. Cogshall is President of the Flint Academy of Medicine, a member of the State Medical Society, the Saginaw Valley Medical Club and the American Medical Association. He has served as Health Officer of the city, County Physician and member and Secretary of the United States Examining Surgeons. Socially he is a member of the Genesee Lodge, Washington Chapter and Genesee Valley Commandery. In the Odd Fellowsi fraternity

he has held all the Chairs, and has held most of the offices in the Masonic order. He has been an extensive traveler all through our country and takes advantage of all he sees. He was married October 17, 1866, to Miss Martha E. Pepper, of Davisburg, Oakland County, the daughter of Robert Pepper. The three sons who were born of this union died in infancy.

In his church relations the Doctor is a member of the Garland Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and President of the Board of Trustees. For fifteen years he has been choir leader, and it is conceded that this church has the best choir in the city. The Cogshall family has a coat of arms and traces their ancestry back to John Cogshall, who came to Massachusetts in 1632. They have a known history which covers a period of seven hundred years. A reunion was held of the various branches of the original family in 1881, and was attended by a large number of descendants of John Cogshall.

The portrait of Dr. Cogshall is shown on another page of this volume.

JOHN HUNTER. We are pleased to name another of the brave men who in both times of peace and war have proved their hearty allegiance to their country and whose lives are worthy of being made prominent as an example to the young. Mr. Hunter was born in Otsego County, N. Y., December 17, 1821, and was but nine years old when his mother removed to Oakland County, Mich., where he grew to manhood and lived until he reached the age of twenty-five, and now has his home in Montrose Township, Genesee County.

Our subject followed farming until he was twenty-two years old and then for some four or five years found employment in a sawmill. He was married in Oakland County, March 4, 1846, being then wedded to Miss Matilda Stone, a native of Dansville, Steuben County, N. Y., where she was born October 28, 1829. Two years after their marriage they removed to Flushing Township, Genesee County, and for three years Mr. Hunter was employed in a sawmill, after which he built a water sawmill, which he carried on for some three years, after which he sold and bought a tract of wild land in Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, upon which he made his home for twenty-seven years. While in this county he was elected for one term County Drainage Commissioner. He was Postmaster at Elk, Saginaw County, fourteen years.

When he sold that farm Mr. Hunter became a resident of Montrose Township, Genesee County, which he has called home ever since March, 1881, and since he left Flushing he has devoted himself entirely to farming upon his beautiful tract of seventy-six acres. He and his good wife have laid one child to rest—Ida M., who died at the age of sixteen years, and four are still living, viz: Albert W., Mary E., John S. and Newton B. Our subject held the office of Supervisor for some six or seven terms while living in Maple Grove Township and he has been Supervisor for one term in Montrose. For sixteen years he has been Justice of the Peace and Notary Public since 1889. Political affairs have ever interested him and he has taken an active part therein, having been formerly attached to the Republican party and being now an earnest Prohibitionist. Mrs. Hunter is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church.

This gentleman enlisted August 27, 1864, in the Thirteenth Michigan Light Artillery, and served for ten months. He was greatly injured by a fall while in the service of his country and since that time has suffered from deafness and now draws a pension of $14. He is an enthusiastic member of the Ransom Post, No. 89, G. A. R., of Flushing.

CHARLES H. TURNER. We here represent one of the solid men of Fenton whose prominence and social worth give him an exceptional position. He was born in Ontario County, N. Y., July 2, 1827, and is a son of William and Mary E. (Miller) Turner, both natives of New York State. His father was a boot and shoe mer-

chant, and died in 1883 at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and the mother died in 1868. Our subject was their only child and after attending the public schools he was sent to the Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, N. Y., and afterward to the Canandaigua Academy in Ontario County, N. Y.

In 1850 Mr. Turner came to Michigan and established a boot and shoe business in Fenton which then contained a population of about two hundred, so that he is now the pioneer business man of this village. His marriage with Caroline Van DenBurg took place in 1850, and their five children are Will C., who graduated from the Michigan University in the Class of '75 and is now in business in New York City; J. Edward is married and lives in Detroit and is an undergraduate of Michigan University and now holds a prominent position in an extensive tobacco house; Charles L., who is also married, is in partnership with his father in business; Ida L., wife of Chester B. Hamilton, lives in Fenton; she was a teacher in the public schools for several years; (the three last named are all graduates of Fenton High School), and one child who died in infancy.

For ten years Mr. Turner was President of the village; was Postmaster for eight years under Presidents Polk and Buchanan, and township Clerk for twelve years. Since the origin of the Oakwood Cemetery Association he has been its President, and for thirty years has been a member of the Board of Education, and its secretary most of that time. He is special agent and adjustor for the Phœnix Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, and represents several other prominent companies. Mrs. Turner has been a prominent member of the Episcopal Church since the formation of that body here. She was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., in 1832, and came to Michigan with her parents in 1848. She attended Mrs. Willard's Seminary in Troy, N. Y., and, as a student, became very proficient in vocal music and the French language.

During the war Mr. Turner employed about twenty-five men as he was then carrying on a boot and shoe factory, but as his men gradually dropped out to enlist in the army he finally gave up manufacturing.

Will C. Turner, the eldest son, after graduating turned his attention to newspaper work, purchasing the *Western Home Journal* at Columbus, Ohio, which he enlarged and renamed the *City and Country*. During the ten years in which he was carrying on that paper he made a study of electricity and established the Edison system at Columbus, Ohio. He then sold his journal and went to New York and now holds a prominent position in one of the largest publishing houses there.

CHARLES H. W. CONOVER. The gentleman whose name is above has been connected with the firm of Beardslee, Gillies & Co., prominent lumber dealers and manufacturers of sash and doors, for the past twenty-four years. Mr. Conover was born in Freehold, Monmouth County, N. J., July 31, 1840. He is a son of William E. and Charlotte (Baker) Conover, the former being one of the oldest residents of that historic town. Our subject's great-grandfather, Lewis Covenhoven, lived within a few miles of his grandson's birthplace and served in the War of the Revolution. His son, Ebenezer, changed his name to Conover and remained in that locality as a farmer. The father of our subject was also a farmer and died August 21, 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. During his life he held many positions of trust and was on the township committee many years. He reared a family of nine children to maturity and of these our subject was the only one away from home. The mother died some years ago.

Charles Conover received his education in his native town. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the regular engineer corps of the army, and served in that capacity for one year. After being discharged for disability he went to New York City and was there engaged as clerk in a ship-yard. From there he went to Ontario and engaged in the oil business for one and a half years, being Superintendent of an Eastern oil company. Coming to Michigan and settling in Flint in 1866, he entered the employ of the firm of which he one year later became a member. Of the workings of this business

house we would refer the reader to the sketch of Mr. Gillies in another portion of this volume.

Mr. Conover has been a member of the School Board for three years and Treasurer of said Board for two years of the three. He has never given much time or attention to politics, but is a believer in the policy of the Republican party. Our subject was married to Miss Cordelia Vaughan of Monmouth County, N. J., November 22, 1865. She is a daughter of Samuel Vaughan, an old resident of the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Conover are the parents of three living children—Charlotte, Estelle and Charles. The family are members of the Congregational Church and our subject has been Deacon in the same for about ten or twelve years. Mr. Conover is a man who is held in the highest esteem by all who know him and the fact that he has maintained this position for so many years and has been identified with so important an industry, speaks more for his integrity of character than any words we can add.

HIRAM HURD. The farmers of Genesee County have no better representative than this gentleman, who owns and operates a fine estate of one hundred and ten acres on section 14, Vienna Township. Mr. Hurd was born in Wyoming County, N. Y., May 28, 1823. His father, Russell G., was born July 3, 1789, in New Hampshire, whence in 1815 he removed to New York. He was the founder of the village of Pike Hollow, where he engaged in business as a merchant, hotel-keeper, and also operated the first gristmill in what was then Allegany County. He was the first Postmaster at Pike Hollow, having been appointed to that position in 1816, and carried the mail to Geneseo in a handkerchief before mail bags were furnished him. A very successful man, he became the owner of two farms in New York, where he remained until he was fifty years old.

In 1836 Russell G. Hurd came to Michigan, and took up Government land in Tuscola County; afterward he came into Genesee County and preempted land in Vienna Township, near the village of Pine Run. Upon this place he commenced the erection of a log house and then returned to New York on the last boat that went down the lakes that season. In February, 1837, he returned with his family (he having married Miss Rebecca Sawyer, a native of Vermont) and made the journey with sleighs and wagons through Canada. Their destination was reached during the last week in February. The first night of their arrival, they placed green boards on the ground within the log house and built a fire near the side of the cabin. No chimney was needed, some boards being placed so as to turn the smoke out of a hole in the roof.

At the time the family removed to Michigan, Hiram was a sturdy youth of fourteen years and was of great assistance to his father. He helped to harvest six hundred bushels of corn a few months after coming here, and also aided in raising wheat, which was stored in a barn built for the purpose. His father having taken a contract to carry the mail from Flint to Saginaw, Hiram carried it four years on horseback and on foot. The first time that he carried the mail to Saginaw he was rowed across the Saginaw River by the sister of Grovenor Vinton, one of the oldest pioneers of the county. He would often go on foot and carry the mail, while renting his horse for $6 to some party who was traveling. This enterprise proved a most successful one financially, as he earned $2,800 during the four years he had charge of the mail.

When sixteen years old Hiram Hurd took a contract with the Indian agents to carry from Flint to Saginaw the goods that the Government had given the Indians in payment for land purchased from them. He received as remuneration $78. From the money received for carrying mail he and his father purchased about seven hundred acres of fine land where Clio now stands. They built on this land the first gristmill between Flint and Midland Counties, also operated a sawmill, and manufactured twenty million feet of lumber from the timber on the place. Our subject rented an ashery, which his father had built some time before, and operated it for six years, making $6,000 worth of pearlash which he sold to a New York firm.

Mr. Hurd purchased his present farm when he was nineteen years old and had it entirely paid for before he was twenty-one. It was then in a primitive condition, from which he has redeemed it, clearing the land and placing upon it all needed buildings. He has also built several stores in the village of Pine Run, which originally was included in his estate. He was married March 6, 1870, to Miss Laura Beden, and one child has been born to them—William W., born December 16, 1871. This son was graduated from the Flint High School in the Class of '90, after completing the classical and scientific courses. Besides being valedictorian of his class, he was also class poet. He entered the literary department of the University of Michigan, October 1, 1890, and expects to graduate with the Class of '94. Mr. Hurd is a member of the Congregational Church, while Mrs. Hurd and their son are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican, to which party his family strongly adheres. His father was the first Supervisor in the township and was a prominent Republican.

The grandfather of our subject was Robert L. Hurd, a Captain in the Revolutionary War and a member of the New Hampshire Legislature for several years. He was a man of great ability and honorable character. He came West to this State about 1850, and here died at the age of ninety-three years, a short time before the Civil War.

Mrs. Hiram Hurd was the eighth child in the family of Smithfield Beden, who was born August 1, 1789, in the town of Smithfield, Vt. As he was the first white child born in the township, he was named after the township and presented with fifty acres of land within its limits. When about twenty-one years old he accompanied his father, William Beden, to the State of New York. Grandfather Beden was a Revolutionary soldier, entering the service at the commencement of the war and remaining in defense of the colonies until its close. Smithfield Beden was married June 2, 1816, to Miss Rebecca Melvin, a native of New Hampshire. Ten children were born to the family in New York, five of whom are still living. Mr. Beden became a physician, first studying the botanical system of medicine and later the allopathic system. He was a mechanical genius, and followed the trades of a wheelwright, blacksmith, tanner and currier. He made his wife's wedding shoes and she presented him with his wedding coat. Although Dr. Beden attended school altogether only three months, he acquired by self study a good education and was a teacher at the time of his marriage. As a musician he was very proficient and composed several pieces of music which are still in the possession of the family. Mrs. Beden was well educated and a teacher of great success.

In April, 1836, Dr. and Mrs. Beden started for Michigan and arriving in Lapeer County, July 4, 1836, settled on section 21, Hadley Township, where they were numbered among the earliest settlers. There were only fourteen voters in Metamora and Hadley Townships at that time, and Dr. Beden had to cut a road three miles to get to his farm. Reaching that place at night, he made a shanty with boards and blankets, and kept up a fire in front of the place to keep the wolves and bears from molesting them. In a short time a log house was built, and with the aid of a turning lathe and tools, Dr. Beden constructed chairs and bedsteads, not only for himself, but also for his neighbors.

While living in their shanty, 12x14 feet, with a family including nine persons, another family of six members arrived, and until they had a house constructed, remained in Dr. Beden's shanty. Although Mrs. Hurd was only six years old at that time, she distinctly remembers all the pioneer experiences through which the family passed. As Dr. Beden was the only physician of any prominence in that section, he had a large ride and was very successful. He died February 26, 1853, and his wife February 10, 1874. Mrs. Hurd was educated principally by her parents, her father being a fine mathematician and her mother proficient in other studies. After progressing to a point beyond which the district schools could not instruct her, she attended the school taught by her brother, Seth N. Beden, and later spent one term in the State Normal at Ypsilanti. She has taught thirty-two terms in various places, among them Clarkston, Canton, Mt. Morris, Clio, Dryden, Davison, Atlas

and Hadley. She was a very successful teacher and some of the ablest men in Genesee County refer to the time when they profited by her instructions. She continued engaged in teaching until the time of her marriage in 1870.

N. W. MANN, who is engaged in general merchandise in Clio, was born in Port Dover, Ontario, Canada, July 15, 1845. His father, William H. Mann, a native of Canada, was born about 1812 and died in 1874 in Mt. Morris, Mich. He came to this State in 1851 and bought a farm on both sides of the line separating Mt. Morris and Genesee Townships. When the railroad came through he platted the village and built a block of wooden buildings, which were destroyed by fire shortly after their erection, and at the same time his grocery stock was also consumed. Resuming business he carried it on for two years and then on account of ill health transferred the stock to his son, H. G. Mann, who continued the business. The mother, Laura J. McKane, was a native of New York, who went to Canada with her parents when a young lady and there met and married Mr. Mann.

The grandfather, Nathan W. Mann, was a New York farmer, who made his home at Port Dover, Canada, and died about the year 1848. Our subject had his education in the schools at Mt. Morris and learned the carpenter's trade before reaching his majority. He then went to Flint and learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and a year later opened a furniture store in Mt. Morris. A year and a half later this store was burned and as there was no insurance it was a total loss. The young man then came to Clio and entered the employ of J. B. Garland, with whom he remained six years, serving him faithfully and continuously without losing a day's time. At that time the business was sold to J. K. Frost of Clio, and Mr. Mann remained with him for a year and a half, and then bought out a hardware stock, which he carried on for a year, until it was consumed by fire.

After that disaster Mr. Mann removed into the building where he now carries on business and for three years dealt in hardware and then sold to his son, C. H. Mann, and purchased a stock of general merchandise. He had been married in 1862 to Miss Elizabeth Knapp, of Mt. Morris, daughter of O. G. Knapp. Their only child, Charles H., who was born April 1, 1868, married Mary E. Hughes of Flint, and is conducting a fine business in hardware in Clio.

Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Odd Fellow's order. In politics he is a Democrat and he has been on the Village Board for two terms, besides holding other township offices. The wife of his youth was taken from his side by death in 1868, and subsequent to that he married Carrie L. Burbridge, who died in 1887, leaving one son—William H. Mann, who was born November 11, 1875.

The present Mrs. Mann bore in her maidenhood the name of Miss Georgina Wickes, whose parents, George and Elizabeth, were natives of Lancastershire, England. Mr. Wickes was an engineer all his life and operated an engine on a passenger train on the Great Western Railroad. He died some years ago and his widow has since married T. W. Smithson of the Clio *Star*. Mrs. Mann was born in Hamilton, Ontario, March 12, 1865, and had her education in the public schools of London, Canada. When fourteen years old she came to Michigan and her marriage with Mr. Mann took place June 5, 1888. She is now her husband's assistant in the store.

ANDREW McGREGOR. In spite of the striking Scotch name that our subject bears, he is an American by birth as well as by bringing up and thoroughly loyal to the institutions of his native country. He is a son of James and Agnes McGregor, both natives of Glasgow, Scotland, the former born in 1816 and the latter in 1826. They were married in their native land and came to America in 1841, proceeding at once to Michigan, where they settled on a

rented farm in Macomb County and there resided for six years. Thence they came to Lapeer County and settled upon his present farm in Metamora Township, in 1850. While in his native land James McGregor served in the militia and he was reared upon a farm.

On coming to Metamora Township, our subject's father found himself the first settler in that township east of the Lapeer road. He was obliged to cut his way through the woods in order to reach the land which he had pre-empted. His farm was all timber and being at the time in straightened circumstances he built a log house, which served as a home for some time. The farm comprised eighty acres of land, which is now all improved and upon which are excellent buildings. Upon their advent into the locality the Indians were still there and there was plenty of wild game. Our subject's mother died in 1878. The father still survives, at the age of seventy-five years, and although he has been a hard worker all his life is still a rugged and strong man. He is the father of six children, of whom our subject is the only survivor. Brought up under the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, the old gentleman still continues his interest in that denomination. He has taken an active interest in school work and has been Director on the Board. Politically he is a Democrat. He was once elected to the office of Supervisor, but did not accept.

Andrew McGregor was born December 17, 1842, in Macomb County, this State, and was eight years old when he came to this county. There was at the time no school here, the nearest one being two and one-half miles away, so that he had but few advantages until sixteen or seventeen years of age. He used to rise very early and yoke up his oxen, working upon the farm until school time, and then again on coming home. The nearest market was at Pontiac, which was twenty-eight miles distant. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and began for himself at twenty-three.

On June 21, 1861, Mr. McGregor was united in marriage to Anna Eliza Fricke, a daughter of John Fricke, an old settler of Metamora Township, who still survives, at the age of eighty-four years. Mrs. McGregor was born December 18, 1841, and received a good education in her native township. After marriage our subject settled upon his present farm, which was partially cleared. He now has one hundred and sixty acres of land, all of which is under cultivation. He has done considerable draining and has built his residence and all the other buildings on the farm, except the big barn. He here devotes himself to general farming, making a specialty of raising sheep. He has a fine flock of Spanish Merinoes, of which he is justly proud. Mrs. McGregor died in 1881, leaving two children—Frank H. and James. Frank married Jessie Lucas and lives in Metamora Township.

April 18, 1885, our subject was again married to Ellen Perkins, a daughter of Calvin Perkins, an old settler in Lapeer Township. Mrs. McGregor is a native of this township and was born in 1848. She is well reared and educated, and is an estima- woman. They are the parents of one child, a son, whose name is Roy. Our subject is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and has been Finance Keeper ever since he has been so connected. He has been a Director of the local school for ten years. He is a Democrat in politics and an advocate of temperance, both in theory and practice.

JAMES B. VODDEN. This model farmer and sturdy pioneer of Burton Township, Genesee County, has a record of which both he and his posterity may well feel proud and it is with pleasure that we here bring it before our readers. He was born in Stafford, Ontario County, N. Y., February 17, 1840. His father, Henry Vodden, came from England to America at the age of nineteen, and migrated from Stafford to Michigan in 1845, taking up a farm on section 14, Burton Township. This property, comprising eighty acres, cost him $1 an acre and on it he erected a house, 12x16 feet, and when he settled his family of a wife and four children in this new domicile he had three cents left in his pocket. The Indians occupied the land directly in front of his

home, and deer and other wild game abounded. Few white people were then in the township, and Flint was a mere hamlet.

Henry Vodden cleared a few acres of land and put it under cultivation. His taxes the first year amounted to ten shillings, and even that small amount was hard to obtain, as money was scarce and labor cheap. He ditched in the township of Mundy for one week for fifty cents, and there were few opportunities for gaining even as much ready cash as that. He passed from earth May 26, 1862, at the age of fifty years, and his good wife, Mary Delbridge by name, who had been his companion through many hardships, lived until December 15, 1889, when she died at the age of seventy-seven. Seven of their thirteen children are now living.

Our subject had his early training upon the farm where he now resides and being the eldest son was greatly depended upon for help in the heavy pioneer work, and had few opportunities for attending school. After his father's death he took charge of the farm and since the death of the mother he has purchased the interests of the other heirs in this county. He was married February 22, 1871, to Lucy A. Johnson, who was born near Syracuse, N. Y., and is the daughter of Henry and Lucy Johnson, natives of New York, who came to Michigan in 1876. Mr. Johnson died in 1881, but his wife is still living.

The six children who have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vodden are: Edith B., Alma, Fred, Lillie, Gracie and Ethel L. The latter died November 2, 1891, aged four months. The house upon the farm is a pleasant and desirable one, and the barns and outbuildings are in an excellent condition and well accommodate the work of the farm and the stock which is there raised. Mr. Vodden makes a specialty of Durham cattle and of Shropshire sheep and has his farm under excellent cultivation, its eighty-nine acres being all rich and arable soil. The political convictions of our subject ally him with the Republican party, and he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Among the pleasing and interesting incidents of pioneer life which Mr. Vodden is able to relate we give the following: When the father of the family was away from home, as he often was, the mother and James in making maple sugar met with difficulties, as in going from tree to tree collecting the sap they were occasionally chased to the house by wolves and once by a panther. For several years an Indian camp of some fifty braves was located directly in front of this pioneer home, and these friendly red men always remembered their pale faced friends by a gift of venison when they killed a deer. Although this home was four miles from Flint, the mother of our subject thought nothing of walking to and from the town as she was accustomed to these long walks through the woods and was sturdy and vigorous in her habit of life.

ARCHIE McLACHLAN. Our subject is of sturdy Scotch stock, as his name would indicate, and has brought to his agricultural work in Guilford Township, Tuscola County, the admirable methods and traits that invariably lead to success with his nationality. He is a farmer and resides on section 31, where he owns one hundred and twenty-two and a quarter acres of fine land, which is well improved, having good barns, a pleasant and comfortable residence and other features of a well-regulated agricultural establishment.

Our subject is a son of John and Eliza (Droop) McLachlan, natives of Argyleshire, Scotland, where the subject of this sketch was born November 15, 1846. He was only about three years of age when his parents came to Canada and located at Kingston. His father was a sailor, but after he settled in Canada he followed the trade of a cooper, conducting the business on a large scale, and young Archibald was set to learn the trade at the age of about fourteen. He devoted himself to that until eighteen years of age and then went into the stave and lumber business in Tuscola County, working first for the Dutton Company, of Buffalo, with whom he remained for three years. He then became associated with Henry H. McCarty and they engaged in business for themselves. Like many young men, and especially young Scotchmen, he had but few pecuniary advantages, being thrown

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upon his own resources at a very early age, but followed his chosen line throughout with the best results to himself. He engaged in the stave business until 1881, when he had accumulated enough to buy the farm on which he now resides. He made the purchase in October, 1889, and at once took possession of the place.

In November, 1888, our subject was married to Mrs. Clementine Hill, a daughter of Frederick Elbers, a native of Prussia, although Mrs. McLachlan was born in America. She was the widow of George Hill. Our subject and his wife became the parents of one daughter, named Mabel. She was born September 22, 1889. Mrs. McLachlan was thrice a mother by her first marriage, her children being named Agnes, George and Elsie. They all live at home. In politics the original of this sketch is a Democrat. He is a man who will commend himself favorably to the good graces of the business public. While in Saginaw County our subject served both on the Drainage and Highway commissions. His family belongs to the Presbyterian Church, his wife's family to the German Lutheran Church. Mrs. McLachlan's parents are still living. Our subject devotes himself to mixed farming; socially he is a member of Lodge No. 74, I. O. O. F., and belongs to Tent No. 183, K. O. T. M. of Reese. He is also a member of the Farmers' Alliance.

DAVID SCHRAM is an old settler and dealer in agricultural implements and all classes of farm machinery, his place of business being located at No. 120 Third Street, East Flint. Here he has been engaged in his present business for seventeen years and during that time has handled all kinds of agricultural machinery. Mr. Schram was born in Adams Township, Jefferson County, N. Y., October 31, 1831. He is a son of John and Mary E. Schram, the former being a farmer. He had been reared on the Mohawk River and was a descendant of the old Dutch stock that had settled in the early days in that valley. He came to Genesee County, and settled in what is now Burton Township in 1836, locating five miles from what is now Flint.

The farm that our subject's father purchased on coming into the State was a wild tract of Government land, and he settled in the usual log cabin in heavy timbered land. He cleared the place and made it his home until one year prior to his death when he removed to Flint and lived with our subject until his decease, which occurred in March 1875, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Our subject's mother had passed away ten years previously. She also was of German descent. She left a family of eight children, all of whom grew to years of maturity in this county. They are Henry, Isaac, Truman, William, James, Mary J., (Mrs. Andrew Harrison), George and David.

John Schram was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in the early day of his settlement here his home was the stopping place for all the itinerant ministers of the old circuit and frequently was the scene of impressive, if informal religious meetings. Our subject acquired his education in the country schools and in the schools of Flint. He remained at home until reaching his majority, when he went to Saginaw and remained for four years. Coming back from that place he took charge of his father's farm until the spring of 1874, when he moved to Flint in order to engage in his present business.

At the present time David Schram is the oldest business man who has been interested in his special branch of work in this locality. He has been very successful as he is thoroughly practical in his knowledge of the best classes of machinery and also of what there is most demand for in his locality. He has served as Justice of the Peace and Township Treasurer and has also held various school offices. He was Supervisor for seven years and Superintendent of buildings at the time of the erection of the county buildings. For two years much of his time and attention was occupied in this way. Although interested in politics, he has not been actively engaged therein since coming to this city.

On June 11, 1856, Mr. Schram was united in marriage with Miss Mary Mason, of Mundy Township, the daughter of Daniel Mason, farmer and hotel-keeper of Mundy. Mrs. Schram died June

19, 1879, leaving two daughters—Anna E., now a teacher in the city schools, and Mary E., who has charge of the district school. The oldest child, a son, died at the age of six years and six months. Mr. Schram is a self-made man, and his affability makes him a genial companion. As a citizen he is honorable and trustworthy, and as a business man reliable. Few men occupy a more pleasant niche in the esteem of their fellow citizens than he, and it is therefore with pleasure that we invite the reader's attention to his portrait presented on another page.

JAMES DAVIS. It is with sincere gratification that the biographer takes up his pen to chronicle the life of any man, who, although of foreign birth, learned to love the institutions of America and gave his services for the honor of the old flag during the days of the Civil War. Such an one we have in Mr. Davis, who has proved himself a true American both in peace and war. He is now carrying on general farming on a beautiful tract of one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 16, Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County.

Mr. Davis was born in Dorsetshire, England, November 10, 1836, and is a son of James Davis, a native of the same place, who was born in 1804 and died in 1889. The father became a sailor at the age of thirteen and sailed on the high seas, becoming chief mate, following this vocation until he came to America, in 1875. His voyaging was mostly in the English Channel, touching French, German and Russian seaports and being engaged in trading expeditions. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Beal, was a native of the same shire and died when her son James was a little boy of eleven years.

When our subject was thirteen years old he came across the ocean with his uncle, Robert Davis, and settled in Nova Scotia. He became cabin boy and started out on the ship "Southampton," running between New York and London, but two years later he gave up the sea and came to Michigan with his uncle, and located on the farm where he now lives when it was all a wilderness and they had to cut the road three miles through the dense forest in order to reach the farm. Previous to the uncle's death, which took place in 1879, they had cleared the entire farm and made substantial improvements thereon.

James Davis was married in 1859 to Lucy D., daughter of George W. and Emma Eliza Wait. She was born in Niagara County, N. Y., and became the mother of eight children, five of whom are still living, namely: Mary E., born August 2, 1860, and now the wife of Olden E. Lawrence; George W., born February 14, 1862; William S., May 1, 1866; Arthur E., October 20, 1868; John H., September 11, 1872; Blanche E., deceased, born July 30, 1871; Jenny N., deceased, born November 5, 1876; Richard T., deceased, born September 8, 1878. With the exception of the eldest daughter all the surviving children still make their home under the parental roof.

Our subject enlisted August 11, 1862, in Company C, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry. He enlisted as a private and was promoted through the grades of Corporal and Sergeant to that of Orderly Sergeant. When Morgan was making his famous raid through the North this young officer, who was then under Gen. Burnside's command, was sent after the raider, following him through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, and saw him when he was brought into Cincinnati. He took part in twenty-five hard-fought battles, among which were Rocky Face, Resaca, Altoona, Burnt Hickory, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw and siege of Atlanta. He was also on the defense during the sieges at Knoxville and Nashville and took part in the battles which were waged December 15 and 16, 1865.

Sergeant Davis afterward participated in the capture of Ft. Anderson on the Cape Fear River, and his regiment, the Twenty-first, was the first to enter that fort. He took part in the engagements at Williamstown, Kingston, Goldsboro and Raleigh, and was in the field when Johnston surrendered at Chapel Hill. By the bursting of a shell he was injured at Campbell Station, Tenn., and also incurred serious disabilities through an attack of typhoid pneumonia, and weighed only ninety

pounds when he was brought home from the war. He resumed farming after recovering his health and in this he has been successful. In politics he has always been a strong Republican and is ever ready to work for the success of his party.

This gentleman has ably filled the offices of Highway Commissioner, Township Clerk and School officer in this district. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Flint and of the Fred W. Walker Post, No. 134, G. A. R. Of this post he was the organizer and for two years was its Commander. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Mt. Morris also counts him as one of its influential members. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and his wife is connected with the Baptist Church. Mr. Davis is one of the best known men in Mt. Morris and is both intelligent and progressive. His friends are justly proud of his war record, which shows him as a man of true patriotism, valor and discretion.

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL. This prominent and highly esteemed resident of Davison Township, Genesee County, was born in Columbia County, N. Y., September 4, 1842, and is a son of a Scotchman, John Campbell, who was a machinist and came to America in 1826. He worked at Paterson, N. J., for several years and subsequently at Stockport, N. Y., where a large machine shop and print works was located, but afterward went onto a farm until his removal in 1855 to Michigan.

The first settlement of the Campbell family in this State was in Groveland, Oakland County, and in 1864 the father purchased property in Davison Township, this county, which continued to be his home until his death in 1868 at the age of seventy-six years. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a prominent man in his Eastern home. Barbara Russell, a native of Scotland, became the wife of John Campbell about the year 1836. She died in 1850, leaving five sons.

A district school education was obtained by our subject at Stockport and he also pursued his studies after coming to Michigan. At sixteen he became self-supporting, working out by the month on farms, and in the spring of 1861 he visited Pennsylvania and while there his friends procured for him a position as fireman on the Erie Railroad, which work he continued only three months, as he determined to enter the army. Returning to Michigan he enlisted in September of that year in the first Regiment of Michigan Engineers, joining Company F, and being under the command of Col. William P. Innes. He was in the battles of Mills Springs, Ky., and in that of Shiloh under Buell's command. All through the summer of 1862 this regiment was along the Memphis and Charleston Railroad and went as far East as Stephenson and Bridgeport, Ala., thence retreating to Louisville, Ky.

From this point the regiment started on the Eastern Kentucky campaign which culminated in the battle of Chapman Hills and after that went to Nashville, where they took part in the Stone River campaign, where he received a sabre wound in the left hand. After this he took part in the Chickamauga campaign and was in both the September battle of 1863 and the November battle of 1864, and spent a winter in that vicinity, being all through the Atlanta campaign during the next season with Sherman. He saw the smoke of battle at Resaca and at Aitoona Gap was under fire every day. On August 23, he took part in the battle of Atlanta and went with Sherman to Savannah, Goldsborough, Raleigh and thence by way of Petersburg and Richmond to Washington, where he participated in the Grand Review, after which he was sent to Louisville and thence to Nashville, where he received his honorable discharge, October 1, 1865, being mustered out with the rank of Second Lieutenant, to which he had been promoted after the battle of Atlanta.

Coming home at the close of the war, Lieut. Campbell purchased in partnership with his brother the old homestead, and after a few years bought out his brother's interest. He was married December 23, 1868, to Emma L. Preston, a native of this county and a daughter of Roswell Preston, a Vermonter, who came to Michigan in 1836 and now

lives in Atlas Township. The three children of our subject are Ross J., Inez E., and Barbara who has died. The daughter Inez has attended a school in Flint and has already taught for four years, commencing at the age of fifteen.

Mr. Campbell is a Republican in his political convictions and cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln at Atlanta during the War. He takes an active part in local politics and has been a delegate to county, district and State conventions. He has been Justice of the Peace for twenty-two years. Supervisor and Drainage Commissioner for four years and Highway Commissioner for three years. He began life anew with no means after coming out of the war, yet has now a fine estate of two hundred and fifty acres situated on section 34, Davison Township, and on section 3, Atlas Township.

ORVILLE D. PRATT. One of the neatest and best-equipped farms in this locality is owned by the gentleman whose name appears above. He is a veteran with a very commendable record for bravery and loyal service. Mr. Pratt was born in Shenango County, N. Y., December 2, 1838. He is a son of Peter Pratt, who was born in New York in 1807. Our subject's father originally learned the carpenter trade and followed that to some extent, but later became a farmer and devoted himself chiefly to that calling.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Susan Dort. She died about 1843, leaving a family of five children, four of whom are still living. Our subject's father married the second time and had four children by that marriage. The original of our sketch was reared upon a farm. He attended the district school and after finishing his own course was engaged in teaching for seven terms, beginning at the age of twenty.

August 12, 1862, Mr. Pratt enlisted in the Sixteenth New York Light Artillery under Capt. Milo W. Lock. It was an independent battery and our subject enlisted as a private, but was soon promoted to the position of Corporal and next to that of Sergeant and later became Quartermaster. The first engagement in which he took part was the battle of Suffolk, Va., and also at Bermuda Hundred, Va. He was in the siege of Petersburg, where the soldiers were under fire nearly all the summer of 1863. During the winter of 1863–64 our subject went to Ft. Fisher, N. C., and was in the siege that resulted in the capture of that fort. His regiment then moved North and joined Sherman's army at Raleigh, N. C. He received his discharge at Elmira, N. Y., in June, 1865. While on general review near Raleigh, N. C., Mr. Pratt was wounded, but did not enter hospital. He sufsuffered a siege of typhoid fever at Norfolk, Va., and was compelled to be in hospital two months.

In the fall of 1865 our subject came to Genesee County, Mich., and here taught school for some years, filling in the intervals with farm work. When he married he located, farming on shares, in Grand Blanc Township, for five years. He finally purchased a farm here, but later removed to Flint and was there engaged in the grocery business. In 1886 he purchased his present farm on section 35, Burton Township.

Mr. Pratt was married January 13, 1868, to Miss Mary J. Meyers. She was born in Otsego County, N. Y., and was the daughter of George L. and Nancy (Summers) Myers, natives of New York, who came to Michigan in 1867. Our subject and his wife have never been blessed with children. Mr. Pratt is a Republican in politics and has been a delegate to county conventions and for the past four years has acted as Township Clerk. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

WILLIAM W. MERRILL was born in Monroe County, N.Y., October 28, 1841, and is a direct descendant of Nathaniel Merrill who came to this country from Salisbury, England in 1634, fourteen years after the landing of the Pilgrims; he settled at Newbury, Mass. His son, Daniel Merrill, died in Salisbury in 1718. It was so named by him from his father's native place. His son was Deacon Moses Merrill and his son was Deacon Moses Merrill, Jr.; and his son was the Rev. Giles

Merrill, who was a Congregational clergyman. His son, Moses Merrill, is the grandfather of our subject. He was a farmer in the old Bay State and was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Governor of the State and served continuously for nearly sixty years.

Our subject's father, William G. Merrill, was the eldest son of his father's family and was born in Haverhill, Mass., June 9, 1800. He was reared on a farm and spent most of his young days in attendance at Atkinson Academy of New Hampshire where he graduated. He then went to school at Bangor, Me., and studied law with the intention of entering the legal profession, but he began teaching at the age of sixteen and followed that profession throughout the greater portion of his life. He came to Michigan in 1817 and settled in Davison Township, where he purchased land and cleared a farm. He taught several terms and held various township offices. He was exceptionally well educated for those pioneer days and well and favorably known among his townsmen; he was modest and unassuming. His marriage to Miss Angelina Morgan was solemnized in April, 1835. She was born in Monroe County, N. Y. in 1814. Nine children were born of this union, three of whom are living. Mrs. Angelina Merrill died January 30, 1884. The father passed to the better land January 8, 1863.

Our subject is the eldest son of his father's family. He was reared on a farm and was six years old when he came to Michigan. He was a student in the pioneer schools of the district. His school year was limited to three months in the winter. After finishing his course he was engaged in teaching for seven terms, beginning when he was twenty-one. His father's health was poor and he assumed the greater work of the farm. The old homestead in Davison Township was sold in 1873 and then Mr. Merrill purchased his present farm on section 27, Burton Township, Genesee County. It was in a dilapidated condition and boasted of poor improvements although the soil is rich. He has bestowed upon it the greatest care and attention and it is now one of the finest and most productive places in the county. He has erected upon the place a fine house which was built in 1888, and also a large double frame barn, the main part of it being ninety feet long. The improvements all told are first-class.

Mr. Merrill was married March 17, 1866 to Miss Eliza A. Olmsted. She was born in Ontario, Canada, and came with her parents to Michigan when nine years old. She is a daughter of William I. and Elizabeth P. Olmsted, the former a native of Canada and the latter of New York. Our subject and his wife have had four children—Sarah E., Clara E., Emma C. and Fred W. The eldest is deceased; all the others are at home, and they are bright and well educated young people. They graduated at the Flint High School and have had extra advantages, and all of them have been engaged as teachers. Fred took a business course at Albion College. Mr Merrill was reared a Democrat and remained so until 1872, when he became a Prohibitionist. He has been candidate for Registrar of Deeds and has served in several instances in the settlement of estates, also acting as guardian. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he is a Class-Leader. Our subject owns one hundred and twenty acres of land and raises all kinds of stock and products.

GEORGE TITSWORTH. The subject of this sketch, now a citizen of Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, came from good old stock, his father, Jacob Titsworth, having served his country in the War of 1812. He was a native of Pennsylvania where he carried on farming. His grandfather, Marcus Titsworth, was also a patriot, having been a Revolutionary War veteran, and lived to the good old age of ninety years. The mother of our subject was Jane Vantine Titsworth, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y. She was descended from old Dutch stock and was born in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Titsworth were married in Cayuga County and emigrated to the western part of the State, before the War of 1812, in Erie County, where they remained until they came to Michigan

in 1836, settling in Oakland County on a raw farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Groveland Township. He improved the farm very much and died in 1861. They were the parents of six children, three of whom are now living - our subject, Ellen Russell (a widow) and Jacob Titsworth of Goodrich. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in which they were active and beloved members. Mr. Titsworth is also active in politics, being first a Whig and then a Republican.

Our subject was born December 30, 1821 in Erie County, N. Y. He came to Michigan at the age of thirteen. His early education was received in New York previous to his moving to Michigan. Starting on his own resources at the early age of sixteen years, he worked on a railroad for one year, afterward working on a farm until he was married and obtained means to settle for himself. He was married October 9, 1842 to Mary Ann Parker, daughter of Lyman Parker, an early settler of Oakland County, settling there in 1836 and a prominent farmer in his day. Both parents have been dead for many years.

Mrs. Titsworth was born October 24, 1822 in the State of Ohio and was there educated in the district schools. Her death occurred May 19, 1891 and she lies peacefully at rest in the Clark Cemetery near Hunter's Creek. Mr. Titsworth and his estimable wife were the parents of four children, two of whom are now living: Milton was married to Lucy Morris and lives in Lapeer Township; they have a family of six children. Chauncy L. was united in marriage with Libby Walker, and lives on the home farm; they have two daughters.

Our subject after marriage settled on his little farm of sixty acres in Atlas Township, Genesee County, this State. It was all raw land and covered heavily with timber. He built a log house there and sturdily began life, determined to succeed. He remained on this farm until 1866 at which time he had one hundred acres, all of which he had improved himself. He sold it in 1866 and removed to his present farm, which was but roughly improved when he bought it. With hard work and perseverance he now has acquired a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred and ten of which are under fine cultivation. This was stumped, stoned and cleared by his own hard and persistent labor. He has a fine barn which cost him $1,600 and a comfortable residence costing $750.

The residence in which the son of our subject resides, was standing on the farm when Mr. Titsworth bought it, and there was also a windmill and well on the place. Mr. Titsworth carries on general farming dividing his land between grain and stock. Eight years ago he engaged extensively in the sheep business having a fine stock of Spanish Merinoes and thoroughbreds. Out of his flock of sixty, many are registered. After a life of arduous labor he is now reaping the reward of his efforts, having retired from active work and living in peace and comfort.

In addition to his farming operations, Mr. Titsworth successfully engaged as a Veterinary Surgeon for thirty years or more, and was sought after in many townships around. He and his deceased wife were honored and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty years during which time the husband acted as Class-leader and Steward of the church. His present membership is at Metamora. His son, Milton, is now Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school at Hunter's Creek and is much thought of for his work's sake. Mr. Titsworth gave all his children a good practical education. In politics he always casts his vote with the Republican party. Mrs. Titsworth was a good Christian woman and a most devoted wife and mother, kind and tender hearted and beloved by all who knew her. As a wife the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs aptly describes her. The following verses are dedicated to her memory:

"Religion filled her soul with peace
Upon her dying bed;
Let faith look up, let sorrow cease,
She lives with Christ o'er head.

"Yes, faith beholdeth where she sits,
With Jesus clothed in white.
Our loss is her eternal gain,
She dwells in cloudless light."

The eldest son of Mr. Titsworth enlisted in the Thirtieth Michigan Regiment at the beginning of the late war and served six months. Becoming sick he obtained a furlough and was taken home

where he died October 26, 1865 at the youthful age of twenty-one years, sacrificing his life for the good of his country.

On November 24, 1891, Mr. Titsworth was a second time married, taking as his wife Mrs. Fannie M. Dove of Oxford, Oakland County, Mich. Mrs. Titsworth, whose maiden name was Fannie M. Cole, was born in Ray, Macomb County, Mich., May 23, 1837. She had two children, born of her first husband: Ella Z. and Thankie C. The former married O. J. Price and resides in Detroit, Mich.

EDWIN B. WEBSTER. This farmer of Hadley Township, Lapeer County, was five years old when he came with his parents to Romeo, which was then in Lapeer County, but is now in Macomb County. He was born in Oswego County, N. Y., November 7th, 1826, and was early orphaned by the death of his father, who passed from earth after a residence of four months here, dying in the fall of 1832.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of three children born to Dr. Daniel and Julia Anna (Baldwin) Webster. His mother was the eldest daughter of Dr. Cyrus and Susan (Dorr) Baldwin, and she was born in Hebron, Washington County, N. Y., in September, 1802. It was in February, 1826, that she was united in marriage with Daniel, the youngest son of Josiah Webster, and his only child by a second wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Bacon. This son, the father of our subject, was born in the township of Warren, Herkimer County, N. Y., October 7th, in the year 1800.

The Webster family came from England to America, and tradition says that the musket which was carried by Josiah Webster during the Revolutionary War, was brought over to this country in the "Mayflower." Joseph Dorr, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of those daring men who took part in the famous Boston Tea party.

He of whom we write grew to manhood in Michigan, taking the usual education to be obtained in the district schools, and was married in January, 1851, to Miss Ann White, unto whom were born twelve children, six of whom are still living. Mr. Webster owns two hundred and forty acres of land, all of which property has been accumulated by himself and his family. In 1845 he sailed from Nantucket in the ship "Orion" on a whaling voyage, sailing around the Cape of Good Hope, and through the Indian Ocean, and across the Pacific Ocean, coming home around Cape Horn, being absent from America for four years. This long journey on the water had not quenched his thirst for this kind of life, and in 1849, after his return home, he sailed on the lakes for two seasons, and in November, 1850, came home to be married, and then settled upon the place where he now resides.

We are pleased to mention the surviving children of Mr. Webster, who are in their various callings showing themselves as worthy of their honorable parentage. H. Dorr is a photographer of Laramie, Wyo.; Willis resides on the home farm; Frederick A., is a photographer of Oakland, Cal.; Nelson C., makes his home in Flint; Mary L., who is at Laramie, Wyo., is short-hand reporter for the Circuit Court, and Edna S. is still beneath the parental roof. Mr. Webster worships with the Free Methodists, and is in full sympathy with that church in regard to its stand on the subject of secret societies, opposing them strongly, as he believes their tendency is not for good.

BERT H. ALKEMA. A goodly number of the prominent business men of Lapeer have their nativity across the seas, and the gentleman now named who is carrying on business as a merchant tailor here, was born in the Province of Friesland at Sneek, Holland, May 11, 1861. He is the son of Henry and Bouwkje (Van der Woude), Alkema. Henry Alkema died when his son Bert was only about eleven years old, and during the next year the boy and his mother emigrated to America, locating in Muskegon, Mich.

This lad has received a fair common-school education in Holland, and after studying about a year

and a half in Michigan, he commenced to learn the trade of tailoring. He received small wages at first, and indeed until after he had done about three years' work. He traveled as a journeyman through some of our largest cities and towns until he came to Lapeer, where in 1887, he began work for Gibson & Co., and two years later entered into a partnership with Mr. Sherwood, continuing thus until 1891, when our subject bought out his partner's interest. He does a good business, and now employs five hands in his establishment.

Mr. Alkema was married in Pontiac December 27, 1888, to Miss Ella May, daughter of Charles and Angelina Button. One child, little Ruth, has come to bless this union, and she was born in Lapeer, August 15, 1891.

The record which Mr. Alkema has made in this city, brings him into a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens who know how to appreciate industry, enterprise and a thorough understanding of the line of work in which he is employed. He is one of those foreign-born citizens who has become thoroughly Americanized in his sympathies and intents, and takes a genuine interest in the affairs of the nation where he has made his home.

UZIAL BOUTWELL. The Empire State has contributed largely of her best elements to the developement of the Great West, numbers of men coming hither at all ages and under all conditions, the great majority doubtless of those who were dependent on their own resources and just starting out in life to carve their fortunes by the labor of their hands. The homes of these men are among the finest in Michigan. The farm of Mr. Boutwell finely situated in Thetford Township, Genesee County, invariably attracts the attention of the passing traveler, and gives ample evidence of being under the control of a man of more than ordinary ability. It will be acknowledged that he has the true conception of the manner in which to conduct agriculture and possesses the cultivated tastes which have enabled him to construct a home second to none in this region.

The parents of our subject, Osias and Lucinda (Dunmick) Boutwell, were natives of New York State, where in the village of Pennsylvania Uzial was born February 1, 1815. At an early age he was orphaned by the death of his father and thus thrown upon his own resources, he had few opportunities of receiving even a common-school education. He grew to a stalwart manhood in his native place, but feeling that the great and unexplored West contained fortunes for those who had the hardihood to brave its privations and dangers, he resolved to locate here. In 1838 he came to this State, settling in Genesee County and entering the land which now comprises his homestead. For about two years after coming hither he worked by the month and afterward commenced to clear his farm of the heavy growth which made the soil unavailable for sowing seed. The country was at that time exceedingly wild and deer and other wild game were plentiful, Mr. Boutwell had to open the road to his place, which comprised eighty acres, and he also erected a log house which for twenty years remained the home of his family. In about the year 1860 he erected the cozy structure which is his present residence.

A half-century has passed, some of it in shadow and some of it in sunshine, since Mr. Boutwell brought to his home a bride, and it may be truly said of her that she has divided his sorrows and doubled his joys. Mrs. Boutwell was known in her maidenhood as Miss Eliza Hurd, and was born January 6, 1824, in New York. The nine children who blessed this happy union all survive, namely: Helen, Russell, Franklin, Eugene, Herbert, Effie, Florence, Dora and Rebecca. They have scattered from the old fireside and have established homes of their own in various localities, but wherever they have gone, the habits of integrity and uprightness early instilled into their minds by careful parental instruction, have made them foremost in all good works and prominent in business and social circles.

Since coming to Michigan Mr. Boutwell has, with the exception of a brief period spent in lumbering, devoted himself to farming and stock-raising and still continues thus engaged. He has witnessed great changes and has seen many

improvements made throughout the State. Could he fifty years ago have had the power to look forward into the future, and discover not only what he himself would accomplish, but also what would be done by his brother pioneers, he would have labored with greater courage than he has already done, for no one can dispute that the first settling of this part of the country was necessarily an experiment. Few, it is true, stood in doubt as to the final result, but fewer still would have prophesied the achievements which have really been accomplished. As one who contributed to this result, the name of Mr. Boutwell will be held in loving remembrance long years after he shall have entered into rest.

THOMAS DOYLE. Our subject has the cream of the trade of extreme seasons, for during the panting days of summer he furnishes the people of Flint with ice, and during the winter season with coal and wood. Mr. Doyle is a native of this city where he was born October 12, 1852. He is a son of Christopher and Alice (Gillespie) Doyle, both natives of Ireland. The father came to America with his parents when a boy and settled in New York State, later coming to Flint, where his father died in the early days of the town. Christopher Doyle worked in the woods and finally established a lumber business on the Flint River. He died in 1866, being at the time the owner of a farm in Flint Township. Our subject's mother has again married and is now Mrs. Ryan, a resident of Flint.

Of the four sons of which our subject is one, he is also the eldest. James died in this city; John is a resident here and Christopher was drowned when four years of age. Thomas was reared and educated here and the cares of the farm were early shifted to his young shoulders, but when sixteen years of age he began working at the lumber trade in which he continued for several years. In 1875 he became Superintendent of the Flint River Boom company, the boom extending down the river one hundred miles and our subject was Superintendent of eight camps and had from two hundred to three hundred men under his employ until 1881.

Mr. Doyle purchased the old farm comprising one hundred and eighty acres on sections 5 and 6, and located on the Flint River. It is well improved and he operated it himself. In 1884 he bought out the ice business from Manson Pearsal, and later added coal and wood taking in as partner F. J. O'Hare. Their office and yards are located on North Saginaw Street, and they have side tracts from the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad. They have ice houses both on the Flint and Thread Lakes that have a capacity of over three thousand tons. Aside from this lucrative business our subject has some valuable real estate in the city.

Mr. Doyle was married in Ann Arbor December 8, 1878, to Miss Ellen Ganson, who was born in this city and reared and educated in Ann Arbor. Two children have graced this union, Ambrosia and Nellie. Our subject has been Alderman for the First Ward for four years and during that time he was on various committees and proved himself an able adjunct of the City Fathers. He has a pleasant residence located on Fourth Street. Aside from his business he devotes himself to general farming and stock raising. He was reared in the Catholic faith and is a firm adherent to the Democratic party.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Doyle is presented in connection with this sketch.

FRANCIS H. RANKIN, Jr. is the present Mayor of Flint; he is also a member of the firm of F. H. Rankin & Son, editors and proprietors of the *Wolverine Citizen*. He was born in this city, December 28, 1854, and is a son of the Hon. Francis H. Rankin, a native of County Down, Ireland, as was also his grandfather, Joseph Rankin.

Out subject's father was reared and educated in his native land and came to America in 1848. He at once located in Pontiac, Mich., where he learned the printer's trade. He came to Flint in 1850 and established the paper known as the *Wolverine Cit-*

izen and has been its editor ever since. He is the oldest editor in the county and also the editor who has longest had control of one paper in Michigan. He was City Clerk for a number of years and was member of the School Board for some time. He also served as Postmaster from 1879 to 1887. He was in the State Legislature two terms, from 1860 to 1865, and was a Senator one term, from 1877 to 1879. During that time he was appointed one of three inspectors of the Michigan prisons by Gov. Crapo. Socially he was Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was Grand Representative of the Sovereign Lodge in 1873, holding a prominent place in that order. He is also a very prominent Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree. He is a Republican in politics.

Our subject's mother before her marriage was Miss Arabella Hearn, who was born in County Longford, Ireland. She is a daughter of the Rev. Richard S. Hearn, an Episcopal clergyman. She was reared in her native land and is a well-educated and cultured lady. She has taken an active part in educational matters in this city and was one of the founders of the Ladies' Library, later merged into the School Library and Scientific Institute. She was one of the delegates to the Soldiers Sanitary Fair at Chicago, as representative from the State of Michigan, during the war. She is the mother of six children, all of whom are living. Our subject is the fourth in order of birth.

Francis Rankin, Jr. was reared in Flint and was educated in the ward schools. When thirteen years of age he began to learn the printer's trade and was obliged to stand on a chair to reach the cases. Ever since he has devoted himself to this work he has gradually advanced in the business until he now manages it, having taken one-half interest in the paper in 1881, so it is run under the firm name of F. H. Rankin & Son. The *Wolverine Citizen* was founded in 1850 as a weekly, then known as the Genesee *Whig*. It was a six-column folio but has since enlarged its scope until it is now a six-column quarto. For eighteen months during the war they also conducted a daily. The *Citizen* is a Republican sheet that is bright and newsy and is devoted to the interests of the county. Aside from their journalistic work they do a large amount of job printing, employing eight men besides giving their own work. They use steam-power in running their presses.

Our subject was married to Miss Caroline Pierce, October 21, 1881. The lady was born in Grand Blanc, Genesee County, and is a daughter of Silas Pierce, one of the old New England settlers of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have one child whose name is Caroline A. Our subject was City Treasurer in 1881 and was elected Mayor in April, 1891, both offices being pressed upon him unsought. He has been Secretary of the Republican County Committee for six years and is very active in politics. He is also Secretary of the Genesee County Agricultural Society. He is also Vice President of the Flint Gentlemen's Driving Club and is the owner of some very fine horses. Socially he is a Mason and a Knight of Maccabees. He and his family are members of the Episcopal Church.

CAPT. GEORGE E. NEWALL, who was the commanding officer of Company A, in the old Eighth Michigan Infantry, is now the Postmaster of Flint, and engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He is a thorough business man and most accommodating and genial, and has hosts of friends. He was born in Flushing Township, Genesee County, September 18, 1842. His father, Thomas Newall, was born in Manchester, England, in November, 1819, and his grandfather, John, was of Welsh descent and a sailor on the high seas, being in the English navy during the War of 1812 and participating in the campaign of Lake Erie. After his return to England he made several trips to this country and died in 1885 at the age of ninety-four years.

The father of our subject learned the trade of a cotton spinner, which he pursued in England. Soon after his marriage, when he was about twenty-two years old, he came to America in May, 1842, by way of New York. Having acquaintances at Flushing, he came hither and located on a farm, but in 1848 sold his property and engaged in work

at Flint. In 1852 he formed a partnership with Isaac Merriman, with whom he built and operated a planing mill, and after Mr. Merriman's death he continued the same business with J. W. Armstrong, with whom he continued and afterward took in other partners, but finally the firm became Newall & Co. and thus continued until 1881, when he retired from business, and now resides in Flint.

The mother of our subject was known in her maidenhood as Sarah Bowden and was born in Stockport, England, a daughter of Richard Bowden, who came to America and died in 1861 in Flushing. His daughter Sarah died in Flint October 1, 1888. Of her two children only one grew to maturity. Our subject was reared and educated in Flint, having the advantages of the city schools. At the age of fourteen he went into the planing mill and remained there until 1861, when he enlisted in Company E, Seventh Michigan Infantry and later was transferred to Company A, Eighth Michigan Infantry. For his services in helping to raise the company he was made First Lieutenant, with Fenton as Colonel and S. C. Guile as Captain. They were sent to Washington and thence to South Carolina under Gen. Sherman.

This young soldier saw the smoke of battle at Coosaw River, Ft. Pulaski, Wilmington Isle, James Island, and in all was in twenty skirmishes and battles, including the second battle of Bull Run. At James Island our subject was made captain temporarily in place of Capt. Guile, who was there killed. He was also in the battles of Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville. In April, 1863, he resigned his command and came home. His first serious wound was received at the battle of James Island, the second at Bull Run and the third at Antietam. Failing health compelled him to withdraw from the service, and on reaching home he weighed only one hundred and eight pounds.

Capt. Newall resumed his interest in the planing mill and remained therein until the 1st of January 1881, when he sold out his share in the business. In 1880 he was elected county Registrar of Deeds on the Republican ticket and was re-elected to the same position, so that he held it until 1885. Since that time he has built up a business in insurance and pensions and in 1888 was admitted to practice before the Interior Department. Upon the 11th of February, 1891, he was appointed Postmaster of Flint and he has proven a model official, faithful in the discharge of his duties and courteous to all. He has a farm of eighty acres in Burton Township, which is in the hands of a tenant.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Sarah H. Freeman took place in Flint in May, 1863. This lady is a native of Flint and daughter of Daniel S. Freeman, who came from New Jersey in 1833 and settled in Pontiac, but the following year removed to Flint. Two children have blessed this union, Winnie J., who died May 17, 1887, at the age of twenty-three years; and John W., now foreman for the Monarch and Meyrs Cigar Factory at Flint. Capt. Newall was Mayor of Flint in 1883 and has held the offices of School Director and Supervisor of the First Ward. He had command of Company A, Third Regiment State Militia for three years. He is connected with the Masonic order and with the Knights of the Maccabees and is commander of the Gov. Crapo Post No. 145, G. A. R. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and a sturdy Republican, being often delegate to county and State conventions, and has been a member of the city and county Republican committees.

LEVI FAHLING. One of the most beautiful rural homes in Flushing Township, Genesee County, is owned by the gentleman whose name is quoted above. It is an encouraging example to ambitious young men of small means and unpromising prospects, that the owner of so beautiful a place and such a successful man in commercial life and one who has made himself a position in the community should have begun most humbly and have won by his perseverance and energy every foot of ground which he now holds. His place is located on section 3, Flushing Township, and comprises two hundred and forty-four acres of land,

Mr. Failing was born in Genesee County, N. Y., January 30, 1849, and is a son of Henry and Nancy (Nellis) Failing, both natives of the Empire State. Our subject lost his father when very young and when only six years old, was bound out on a farm to Mr. Chancy Bird. He was with him for eight years and then began working for himself at blacksmithing in the town of Byron, N. Y. He was engaged as a journeyman for some time. Our subject came to Michigan in the fall of 1844 and settled in Gaines Township, Genesee County. He employed himself at his trade and had a small piece of land upon which he lived for two years. He then went to Bloomfield, Oakland County, and there lived for four years, working at his trade. He later purchased eighty acres of land near Davisonville, Genesee County, and while improving the place was engaged also at his trade. He then moved to Flint and started in business with Mr. Wicks and continued the partnership for one year.

After the dissolution of the partnership our subject started for California and was gone three years. While there he secured a gold mine, which he had worked by others while he devoted himself to his trade. On returning to Flint he built a shop and conducted the blacksmithing work. He sold out and in 1880 he purchased the place whereon he now lives.

Mr. Failing was married in 1836 to Miss Jane Kesler, a native of Orleans County, N. Y., and a daughter of John and Polly (Eveson) Kesler, natives of the Mohawk Valley. They moved to Michigan in 1847 and settled in the township of Davison, this county, and were there employed in farming until the decease of the father. They had a family of four children, who are: Mrs. Failing, Beers, Jerome and Elsie, (Mrs. Taylor.) Our subject's father's family comprises only two living children—Maria, now Mrs. Rogers, and he of whom we write.

Mr. and Mrs. Failing have had six children—Polly, Nancy, Orcelia and Rosetta. Polly, now Mrs. Wright, has one child—Levi C., who is the father of one child—Claud; Nancy, Mrs. H. Crow, has two children—Henry E. and Winnie May; Orcelia, Mrs. Johnson, has one child—Fern E.; Rosetta is at home; two children died in infancy—Julia Ann and Alice Locadie; they are all finely educated and are exceptionally good musicians. Our subject is a Republican. He and his family are Christian people, who are generous in their support of churches and schools. Mr. Failing breeds fine Clydesdale horses. He also breeds Durham cattle and has a fine flock of Saxon Down sheep. His home is a model of neatness and artistic arrangement and his barns are capacious and well built.

GEORGE M. DART, who has spent most of his life in Genesee County, has his fine farm in Gaines Township, on section 1. He was about three years old when his parents came hither. They were the late George M. Dart, a native of Connecticut and Mrs. Lucy A. (Chapel) Dart, natives of the same State. On coming to Genesee County, they settled in the Fletcher neighborhood, which is in the township of Gaines and here the father died in 1843 about four years after their coming here. His devoted companion survived him some years, and died in Clayton Township, when about sixty-five years old. They had two children, Mary A., now the wife of Morgan Chapman, and George M.

Our subject was born in the State of Connecticut, July 14, 1836, and since he was old enough to undertake farm labor he has devoted himself throughout life to agricultural pursuits. In consequence of the necessities of pioneer life he received but a limited education and has found it necessary to supplement his schooling by independent reading and observation.

George M. Dart was married in Grand Blanc Township, December 30, 1856, to Esther Allen, who was born in New York, May 24, 1844. Her father was Ellsworth Allen and her mother was known in her maidenhood as Ruth Remington. They were old settlers of Genesee County and had come to Grand Blanc Township when it was almost an unbroken forest. They died in Mundy Township, leaving nine children, of whom Mrs. Dart is the fourth in order of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Dart are the parents of two children, Ellsworth, who died at the age of sixteen months, and Matie, who is now Mrs. Arthur Salisbury. In local affairs Mr. Dart takes an active part and his judgment endorses the principles of the Republican party, yet he is not in any sense a politician, but is intelligent in regard to both State and national politics. Mr. and Mrs. Dart have for many years been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which our subject has held the offices of Steward and Trustee. They are highly respected in the community and have the good will of all. His beautiful farm of more than sixty-eight acres is in fine condition and very productive and not only the house but the barns and outbuildings bespeak a thrifty and systematic farmer.

GEORGE S. HEMMINGWAY is a farmer of Hadley Township, Lapeer County. He was born in this township where he still resides, his natal day being December 29, 1843. He was third in order of birth in a family of six children born to George F. and Sarah A. (Flint) Hemmingway, who were natives of Steuben County, N. Y. The former was one of a sturdy long-lived race and his father, James Hemmingway, who was a native of New York, came to Michigan in the year 1837, and located in the township wherein our subject now lives. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and preached the first sermon ever delivered in what is now Hadley Township. The edifice in which the sermon was preached is now an old barn on the farm owned by Frank Hadley on section 11.

James Hemmingway was engaged in ministerial work from the time he was thirty years of age until he was ninety, preaching his last sermon on his ninetieth birthday. Our subject's father was a wagon-maker by trade, although he afterward became a carpenter. He then took up the study of law and began to practice his profession. He was sent to the legislature from Midland County, this State, and was afterward elected Prosecuting Attorney of the same county where he now resides.

George Hemmingway grew to manhood in the county where he now lives and on the breaking out of the war, in May, 1861, he enlisted in Battery A, First Michigan Light Artillery, and served for three years. He first went to West Virginia and took part in many battles. He was present at the engagement at Elk Water, at Rich Mountain and in numerous encounters. He was then transferred to the Army of the Cumberland and in that division participated in the battles of Stone River, Perryville, Chickamauga, Resaca, besides various minor engagements. After a service which was prolonged three years, he returned home and has been actively engaged in farming ever since. He is the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land which yields him a good income.

Our subject was married December 25, 1866, to Mary E., daughter of Robert Davenport. Of this marriage five children were born, namely: Delia, Earl, Ada, Mabel and Ella. Politically Mr. Hemmingway is a Prohibitionist, while in their religious preference the family are members of the Baptist Church.

JASON CAMPBELL. Although retired from the active pursuits of the work in which he has for the greater portion of his life been engaged—that of a farmer—our subject is one of the most honored and respected citizens of Grand Blanc. He is a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., and was born August 31, 1822. He is a son of Dexter and Betsey (Evans) Campbell, natives of New York State. On the paternal side he is of Scotch ancestry.

Mr. Campbell was reared to manhood in his native State, his youth being spent on a farm. He unfortunately received but limited educational advantages, but has made up to a great extent by his individual efforts for early deficiencies. He is a well-posted man who converses intelligently upon the greatest issues of the day. While still a resident of New York, he was married December 9, 1848, to Miss Harriet Pierce, who was born March 6, 1829, in Niagara County, N. Y. She is a

daughter of Sullivan (deceased) and Adelia Pierce. Her mother is still living in Genesee County, this State, being eighty-seven years of age. Mrs. Campbell was reared to maturity in his native State and received good educational advantages there. To our subject and his wife have been born one son, Fred G., who came to his parents February 18, 1854. He married Ida Curtiss, and by her has become the father of two children—Grace and Ethel.

In the year 1854 our subject with his family removed to Genesee County, this State, and settled down to farming in Grand Blanc Township. Here he remained until 1879 when he removed to the village of Grand Blanc, and here became the proprietor of a meat market, for which he did his own butchering a number of years. In 1889 he retired from this business and now acts merely as overseer of the work of his farm. Mr. Campbell came here a poor man. He now owns a good farm of forty acres of land, besides valuable village property. He and his wife, who has been his life helpmate and wise and loving counselor, have by their prudence and industry, accumulated all the property of which they are now possessed. Both are in their religious association united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and he of whom we write has served as Trustee of the same. Mrs. Campbell is a member of the Home Missionary Society and also of the Ladies' Aid Society. They are both interested and active workers in all local matters. Mr. Campbell is a Democrat in politics and although not ambitious to hold party office, he is that most desirable of citizens—an honest, consistent man loyal to the best interests of his locality.

RUSSELL BISHOP. The gentlemanly and scholarly President of the Genesee County Savings Bank is one of the men of the city of Flint who has used his wealth in bringing into his home the choicest productions of literature and art and these chef d' euvres are brought together with such charming taste as to please the most fastidious. Mr. Bishop is a native of Leroy, Genesee County, N. Y., and was born April 29, 1815. He is a son of Giles and Phebe Van Warring Bishop, both natives of Connecticut. The former was reared on the farm between Hartford and New Haven, but at an early day settled as a pioneer in Leroy and there became owner of a large tract of land. He served in the War of 1812 and in 1830 came to Oakland County, Mich., and took up a large tract of land.

The following year Mr. Bishop brought his family by way of the lakes to Detroit and thence by team to Oakland County and located on the old military road. He purchased several large tracts of land, their first home in the State being a log house. He was a Justice of the Peace and also Postmaster at Springfield, Oakland County. His decease occurred in Flint when sixty-six years of age. He was a man of great activity and large ambitions. Our subject's mother died in Oakland County. Both she and her husband were devoted members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of four children: Griswold, Russell, Giles, and Lucia, deceased.

Mr. Bishop was reared and educated on the farm in Leroy. He attended the village school until sixteen years of age. On coming to Michigan he assisted his father in clearing the land and in building the log house. He much enjoyed the hunting, which was very fine at that time. He remained at home until nineteen years of age, and in 1835 went to Green Bay, Wis., thence to Milwaukee which was a small village. Thence he proceeded to Chicago by stage, going by way of Ft. Dearborn and the old Lake House. Thence he went to Joliet and returned to Chicago and purchased some property with the expectation of settling there, but being taken sick sold his land and came back to Oakland County.

Our subject assisted his father as Deputy Postmaster and was Justice of the Peace and presided over two or three suits. In the spring of 1837 he came to Flint which has been his home ever since. At first he engaged in the grocery and general merchandise business, his goods being all brought hither from Detroit. He built a store on Saginaw

Street and carried on business there until it was burned, then purchased a place on the corner of Kearsley and Saginaw Street, where the Fenton Block now stands. He here continued until 1850, then sold out the business to his brother and because of ill health took a trip to Mexico and Texas, following the Mississippi River to the Gulf, landing at Galveston and thence making the interior trip by horseback.

In 1851 our subject returned to Flint, much improved in health. The same year he went to England in order to attend the World's Exposition at London. The trip to Liverpool occupied seventeen days. After spending five months in London he returned to his home much benefited in health. April 1, 1853, he was appointed by Franklin Pierce, as Receiver of public money at the General Land Office at Flint, which was one of the three stations in the State at that time. He was obliged to furnish bonds for $200,000. He was also disbursing agent at the same time. The business was one of great responsibility and he has frequently paid out $100,000 in gold at one time.

In 1854 the lands in this district were granted by Congress, making them at the following prices: $0.12½, $0.25, $0.50, $0.75, and $1.25. A great deal of it was bought up at $0.12½. He then engaged in the real-estate business and his interests were devoted to this exclusively until the organization of the bank. In 1858 he built the main part of his residence, clearing the lot from the heavy timber with which it was covered. Since that time he has added two wings. His home is located at No. 710 Beach Street. He spends a great deal of his time in New York City, himself and family usually passing two months of each year in the metropolis.

Mr. Bishop was first married in Flint to Miss Mary Thompson, an English lady whose birth place was Kendall Green, a sister of Col. Thompson. By this marriage he became the father of three children: Russell, a graduate of the law department in the University of Michigan; Lizzie, now Mrs. Judge Stevens, of Port Huron and Arthur, Assistant Cashier of the Genesee County Savings Bank. On the decease of his first wife our subject selected as the lady of his choice Miss Mary Franks, a native of Detroit. She too passed away and he contracted another marriage at Bay City with Miss M. Frances Green, a daughter of Judge Green, one of the oldest ex-judges of the Supreme Court of the State. One daughter has been born of this union—Florence Russell—who resides at home. Mr. Bishop is a Democrat in his political affiliations. He is one of the oldest settlers of the county and undoubtedly the oldest resident of Flint.

NEWTON F. CHAPEL. November 19, 1837, is the natal day of this representative pioneer of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, and Livingston County, N. Y., is the place of his birth. That State was also the native home of his parents, Samuel B. and Amanda (Reynolds) Chapel, who emigrated at an early day in the '40s to Michigan. They resided for a short time in Oakland County, and then removed to Grand Blanc Township, where for several years they resided in a log shanty with board roof. Nine children gathered in this happy pioneer home, of whom the following are still living: George H., Newton F., Monroe W., Carrie, Emma (wife of David Webster), Louisa (Mrs. Hiram De Hart), and Ellen (wife of Emmett Marsh). The two who have passed away were Sarah and Myron B. and of the latter we will speak more at length further on in this sketch. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Pioneer life with its hard work, adventure and district school education, filled up the life of our subject during his early days. He was married April 21, 1864, to Mary L. Hyatt, who was born May 20, 1846, in Livingston County, Mich., and is a daughter of John W. and Lydia Hyatt, who emigrated from New York to Michigan and settled on a farm in Livingston County about 1835. They endured the privations and hardships of pioneer life, and reared a family of nine children, six of whom are still living, as is also the father, now (1891) eighty years old. Our subject and his wife have four children: Ada, Ellie (wife of Ira Cook),

Samuel B. and Charles F. Eighty acres comprise the home farm and there are one hundred and twenty-five in all in Mr. Chapel's estate. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he and his wife belong, he has acted as Steward and also as Recording Steward and Mrs. Chapel has been active in the work of the church. His political views bring him into harmony with the movements of the prohibitionists and he is active in every cause which effects the moral and social elevation of society.

Myron B. Chapel, a brother of the gentleman whose name initiates this sketch, was born February 15, 1842. His father, Samuel B. Chapel, was born in Livingston County, N. Y., in 1806, and in 1830 was married to Amanda Reynolds, who was born in Schenectady, N. Y., December 27, 1812. She is a daughter of Asa D. and Betsey (Ortlip) Reynolds, New Yorkers by birth, and her grandfather, Ortlip, served all through the Revolutionary conflict.

When the parents of Mr. Chapel erected their log cabin in the woods of Michigan, the wife aided in laying the floor and in completing the work, and they endured the usual privations incident to that unsettled state of society. The father died many years ago and in that event the county experienced a great loss. He was a man of value in the community and highly respected for his excellent pioneer work. His venerable widow still survives and is living at the old homestead.

The early training of Myron B. Chapel was received in this county and he was given a district school education. He was married May 25, 1871, to Mary Ellis, the daughter of James and Sarah Ellis, natives of England. Mrs. Mary Chapel died February 25, 1873. Her only child, Willard E., was born September 18, 1872. The marriage of Mr. Chapel, November 7, 1873, gave him a worthy helpmate in the person of Lottie Torrey, who was born in this county June 11, 1849. She is a daughter of Albert and Melissa (Adam) Torrey, early settlers of Flint Township, where they still reside. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Torrey two survive, Dorr W., and Mrs. Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Chapel were the parents of four children—Letta R., Fern W., Albert (deceased), and Grace. In the death of this husband and father his family lost a kind and loving protector, a generous provider and one who sought to train his children for lives of happiness and usefulness. He was a strong temperance advocate and voted the Prohibition ticket and was a useful and honored member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEYMOUR W. ENSIGN. This hospitable and public-spirited gentleman, who is now the oldest settler in Montrose Township, Genesee County, was born near Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y., November 5, 1826. His father, Seymour W. Ensign, Sr., and his mother, Tamma (Husted) Ensign, migrated to Michigan about the year 1830, and made their home first in Groveland Township, Oakland County, for a year and then went to Saginaw County, which was their home until 1842, when they came to Genesee County, and lived first in Flushing Township and then in Montrose Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. Few families were living in the county when they came here and none preceded them in Montrose Township.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of eight children, and after coming to Genesee County he remained beneath the parental roof until his marriage which took place July 4, 1851. He then took to wife Hannah Vernon, who was born in Cheshire, England, June 22, 1831, and settled on section 22, Montrose Township, where they have since been residents. He here owns a farm of about seventy acres, upon which he has erected comfortable buildings. Five living children remain about them, namely: Eugene, who married Mary Slafter; Isabelle, the wife of Wallace Weir; Ida, now Mrs. Thomas Miller; Alice, Mrs. Wesley Burleson, and Cora, who married Burt Maine. The three children who have passed to the other world are, Anastia, who became the wife of Rufus Swart and died at the age of twenty-four; Clarence, who passed away at the age of sixteen; and Ada, who died in infancy.

Mr. Ensign has been placed by his fellow-towns-

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men in almost every office within the gift of the people, with the exception of Supervisor. For nearly ten years he was Township Clerk and Highway Commissioner, and was Justice of the Peace one year. He has taken an active part in political affairs and votes and works for the success of the Republican party. He entered the army September 20, 1864, becoming a member of Company I, Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, and serving until the close of the war, being mustered out of service at the National Capitol and taking part in the Grand Review. He is now a member of the James Bradley Post, G. A. R. of Clio.

Although our subject has followed farming chiefly, he has also taught school and followed that vocation for several winters. The parents of Mrs. Ensign, who bore the names of Joseph and Sarah Vernon, died in England, and their daughter came to America with her grandparents at the age of ten years. The elder Mr. Ensign died August 24, 1854, and his wife survived until February 12, 1872.

THEOPHILUS HERRINGTON. Descent from an honorable ancestry is something which may well be a cause of satisfaction, although it is only the shallow and foolish who feel that they can be carried through life on the merits of their progenitors. Our subject feels a justifiable pride in pointing to the career of his grandfather, Judge Theophilus Herrington, of the Supreme Court of Vermont, a man who was of English stock and whose abilities were of no mean order. The father of our subject, Samuel W. Herrington, was a Vermonter by birth, and his mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Vinton, was born in Massachusetts. Samuel Herrington removed with his parents to Niagara County, N. Y., and after growing to manhood located in Erie County, Pa., where he was a pioneer and did much chopping and clearing away of the forests. He could cut and log an acre of land in four days.

In 1835 the father of our subject came to Oakland County, this State, and settled in Waterford Township, locating on a new farm there and becoming one of the first settlers. After clearing his land he sold it and moved into West Bloomfield just across the line from Waterford Township, and there died August 17, 1853, at the age of forty-seven. He was twice married, his first wife dying shortly after their union and his second wife surviving till about the year 1861. Four of her six children are now living.

Our subject who is now a prominent and successful farmer of Burton Township, Genesee County, was born August 10, 1833, in Erie County, Pa. Most of his schooling was taken in the log schoolhouses of the district and he continued at home helping his father on the farm until the death of that parent when he took charge of the farm in West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, and continued there until his marriage in 1863.

Mary Hiller is the maiden name of the young woman who became the wife of our subject in the year just named, and she was born in this township in 1837, her parents being John and Mary (Sherman) Hiller, who were prominent pioneers in this township, as they came hither from New York in September, 1836. Here they took up Government land and cleared and improved the farm. Mr. Hiller still survives at the age of eighty-three, but he lost his good wife in 1889. Immediately after marriage Mr. Herrington came to the place where he now resides and purchased his present farm on section 12, Burton Township. It was then almost entirely new land, as only about thirty acres had been chopped over, and he has since continued to clear and improve the property, until he now has a splendid farm of one hundred and fifty acres and upon it are located an excellent house and barn and all the appurtenances essential to successful agriculture.

This worthy couple had two children but both are now deceased. A beautiful baby was left on their doorstep one April morning, and with him a note that said he was born April 17, 1879. They have named him John Theophilus and he is now a bright lad of twelve years and a joy and comfort to his foster parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Herrington are active and useful members of the Free Methodist Church, in which he has served as Stew-

ard for several years. They are liberal contributors to all benevolent and church objects and ready to do their share in the upbuilding of religious and social institutions. Mr. Herrington was formerly a Democrat, but is now a Prohibitionist and has always been an ardent advocate of the temperance cause. Since coming to this township he has been School Inspector and was Highway Commissioner in West Bloomfield Township. His success as a farmer has been more than ordinary and the fine appearance of his estate speaks well for his system and thoroughness.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Herrington is presented on an accompanying page.

STEPHEN CROCKER, one of the prominent old settlers of Flint, came to this township in June, 1843. He was born in the parish of Framington, Devonshire, England, June 14, 1817, and received a good practical education in his native land. The father was a farmer and Stephen was one of a family of thirteen and was brought up upon a farm. This is not only a numerous but a large family, as one brother weighs almost four hundred pounds and another three hundred and fifty-six pounds; one, three hundred and forty pounds, while our subject tips the beam at one hundred and eighty-five pounds.

With the exception of one brother, all the family who are living came to America, the first one to emigrate being George, who settled in this township in 1836, and was soon followed by the others. Our subject left England in 1843, and coming to this township, bought a farm of two hundred and fifty-three acres upon which he lived for some time, having earned the means to pay for it by hard work. He put upon it excellent buildings and after living upon it for years moved into town and engaged in the meat business. He now is retired from active business, except as he takes charge of his own affairs.

Besides the beautiful home in which our subject resides on the corner of Garland and First Streets, he owns five other houses, adjoining. He is very centrally located in a fine part of the city. He has never been an office seeker but votes with the Democratic party. He was in an early day Pathmaster when the country was all timber.

Mr. Crocker married Miss Prudence Dullam of this township, in 1848. She was born in the same town as Mr. Crocker in England, October 17, 1848, and came to the United States with her brother. They have three children who live, and one died in infancy. The daughter Sophia, wife of James Pierson, died leaving one child—Harry. Those who are living are Ellen, Thomas and Emily. Ellen is the wife of Lester Henderson, and has one child—Chester; Thomas is married and lives in Grand Rapids; he has two sons—George and Stephen; Emily is the wife of Edwin O. Wood of this city. She has one child—Dwight H. Our subject has crossed the Atlantic Ocean nine times and has made frequent visits to his old home. At one time he was on the water seventeen weeks and two days and was nearly shipwrecked. Mrs. Crocker has also visited her native home twice. They are earnest and devout members of the Episcopal Church.

JOHN W. HURD. This gentleman is a native son of Genesee County, being born in Vienna Township, April 8, 1858, and is now one of the prominent business men of Clio. His father, Nelson Hurd, a native of Lenawee County, N. Y., was born in 1816 and died in 1879, in Vienna Township, this county. He came to Michigan in 1836 with his father, Russell G. Hurd, who took up three hundred and sixty acres of Government land near Pine Run and was thus one of the first settlers in the township. In those days he had to go to Pontiac, forty miles distant, to do his milling, and, before the road was surveyed between Flint and Saginaw, Nelson Hurd was the mail carrier between those two points, traveling on Indian ponies a distance of thirty-one miles when there was no road save an Indian trail. At that time there was only a log store and log hotel in Flint and no building at all between Flint and Mr.

Hurd's farm. There was then only one log house on Cass River, between Pine Run and Saginaw, and that cabin stood where the village of Bridgeport now is. This pioneer was an earnest and active Republican.

The maiden name of the mother of John W. Hurd was Sarah M. Harrison. She was a native of Lewiston, N. Y., and came to Michigan with her father, Dennis Harrison, in 1820, when he settled in Tuscola County. She is still living and has now reached the advanced age of seventy-six years. John Hurd was educated in the public schools of Clio and Flint and afterward went to Janesville Business College in Wisconsin where he graduated from the business course, which included the art of telegraphy. After completing his studies there he took a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company in Chicago and worked in seven different offices, including the office of the Northwestern Passenger Depot. He then went to St. Paul, Minn., and took a position as operator with the Great Northern, and afterward became station agent at Carlisle, Minn., and later took charge of a wheat elevator and conducted it for three years. He then carried on the station at Carlisle another year and in 1885 he purchased a stock of goods in the store he now occupies and established a business in boots, shoes and groceries. He also manages the postal telegraph office and that of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. He has established a successful and lucrative trade and has an extensive business.

John W. Hurd was married January 1, 1881, to Miss Roza, daughter of John Robinson, a farmer of Vienna Township. He is a native of Canada, who came to Michigan in 1876, and had previously lived for twelve years in New York and eleven years in Toledo, Ohio, where he filled the office of Sheriff. He is at present on a fruit farm near Toledo. He and his good wife, whose maiden name was Wealthy Hatch, had a family of four children, and Mrs. Hurd is the youngest of the number. She was born in Lockport, N. Y., November 15, 1863, and is now the mother of one child—Mercen J., born May 9, 1885.

The Vienna Lodge, No. 195, I. O. O. F., claims Mr. Hurd as one of its members and he is at present Noble Grand in that order. He is also a member of Vienna Lodge, F. & A. M., and belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, being a member of the Iron Hall. In politics he is a stanch Republican and for two years he has been a Trustee of the village. Mrs. Hurd, who is a congenial companion is a woman of business ability and assists her husband in the care of his store.

THOMAS W. SMITHSON, editor and proprietor of the Clio *Star*, which is one of the lively weekly newspapers of Genesee County and independent in its politics, is a Canadian by birth. He was born at Weston, York County, August 25, 1850, and is the son of Hermon Smithson, who was born in Norfolk, England, in 1829, and is still living in Stronach, Mich. The father is a cooper by trade, and was brought up in Canada, whither he went with his parents when only seven years of age and where he remained until he came to Michigan in 1881. His wife, Jane Finlay, who still remains with him, was born in 1830, in County Down, Ireland.

Thomas Smithson attended the village school in his Canadian home until he reached the age of thirteen, after which he found employment in a cooper's yard for two years, and afterward learned the trade. He also acquired the trade of a printer but on account of his health did not follow it regularly, alternating it with work in a cooper shop. He came to Michigan in the fall of 1880, and located in Otisville, starting a job printing office, to which he soon added a newspaper which he called the *Weekly Telegram*. In January, 1882, he removed the outfit to Otter Lake and there conducted the paper until October, 1883, when he removed to Clio, where he now publishes the Clio *Star*. This paper is on a successful financial basis and its outfit has been constantly improved from the beginning and is now an uncommonly good one for a country office, being run by steam power which was placed in the building in 1885.

Mr. Smithson was married in 1876, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Oakley) Wickes of London, Ontario, the

widow of George Wickes, and daughter of the Rev. Abraham Oakley, now living in Sheffield, England. Mrs. Smithson is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church at Clio, where she finds a broad field for influence. Mr. Smithson is identified with Tent No. 10, K. O. T. M. of Clio, and also with the Vienna Lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M.

The political views of our subject have brought him into cordial affiliation with the Republican party. He has been Village President for two years, still holding that position; is Secretary of the Clio Fire Department, and has also been a member of the School Board. For the year ending 1890 he was Finance keeper in the tent of the Maccabees. In his business he has taken his wife into partnership and the name of the firm is T. W. Smithson & Co.

ROBERT POTBURY. Original thought and opinion is so seldom encountered that it is refreshing to meet with a man who thinks for himself and does not fear to express his opinion. Such an one is he whose name appears above and who is a resident on section 29, Flint Township, Genesee County. He is one of the old settlers of this part of the county and is a loyal American citizen although of English birth and ancestry. The son of John and Elizabeth (Kelly) Potbury, natives of Devonshire, England, our subject was born in the same shire as were his parents, his birth occurring February 25, 1823. He was reared to manhood in his native place and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits before coming to this country.

When thirty years old, Mr. Potbury came to America in 1853 and first located in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, this State. After a short stay there he purchased land in Flint Township and settled on the section whereon he now lives. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and has some excellent ideas in regard to scientific farming. Upon his place of nearly one hundred acres he has erected a first-class set of farm buildings and has a pleasant home that is both comfortable and commodious. In Devonshire, England, he was married to Miss Harriet Pousford, and they became the parents of one son, William, who is a farmer in Flint Township and who married a Miss Ramsey. Mrs. Harriet Potbury died in Flint Township, February 26, 1876.

Mrs. Mary Jane (Passmore) McGlinchey, with whom Mr. Potbury was united in marriage October 31, 1876, was a native of England and was first married to William L. McGlinchey, who died December 25, 1870, leaving his widow with one son, Lewis E., now a resident of Flint. This union of Mr. Potbury was blessed by the birth of a daughter – Edith J., and the mother departed this life March 8, 1878, being at the time of her decease forty-nine years and three months of age. The comfortable home which Mr. Potbury has established here is presided over by a lady of refinement and culture, who prior to her union with Mr. Potbury was known as Mrs. Eliza (Caswell) Bump. She is the daughter of Gilbert and Polly (Eggleston) Caswell, who died in this State, and was born in Ionia, Mich., September 23, 1838. Her union with our subject was solemnized September 4, 1878, and has been one of mutual happiness. In social circles she is highly esteemed both for her kindliness of heart and nobility of mind.

In his political liking Mr. Potbury is a Democrat and has as pronounced an opinion on that subject as on others. He and his wife are communicants in the Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal Church respectively, and possess that true benevolence to which the destitute never appeal in vain. A public-spirited and progressive citizen, there is no measure that tends to the promotion of the public good in which Mr. Potbury is not interested, and although the duties of his private life have been such that he has been averse to accepting public honors, he nevertheless has aided materially in advancing the interests of Genesee County. That he has been successful in his agricultural work, the reader will conclude for himself when he observes the view of his attractive home on another page.

Twenty-five years after he left England to seek a home in this country, Mr. Potbury returned to his old home, being accompanied thither by his

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wife and starting on the trip after their marriage in 1878. They visited Mr. Potbury's brother and sister at the old homestead, and spent two weeks in London, and visited many places famous in the world's history. After a pleasant trip they returned to the United States, feeling that they were contented to live and die in Michigan.

JAMES SHANAHAN. Michigan has for many years received a most valuable addition to her citizenship from across the Canadian boundary, and almost without exception those who have just come from that province have been men of sterling integrity and have brought with them habits of industry and thrift which are greatly promotive to the prosperity of the Wolverine State. Among these is Mr. Shanahan, who was born in Huron County, Ontario, June 18, 1849, and is a son of William and Ann (Byrne) Shanahan. The first seventeen years of his life were spent in Huron County, Ontario, upon a farm and he there received his training in agricultural pursuits and his rudimentary education.

Port Austin, Huron County, was his first home in Michigan and he was there employed in the woods, passing one season in the lumber camps, after which he returned to Huron County, Ontario, and the following fall came again to Michigan and resumed lumbering on the Rifle River, in Arenac County. After another sojourn in Canada he made his final settlement, in the fall of 1869, in Saginaw County, this State, where he entered the employ of Williams Bros., and was with them in the lumber trade for five years. In 1871 he purchased eighty acres in Montrose Township, which he proceeded to improve during the summers, while he continued in the lumber business during the winter until 1881. At that time he made a permanent settlement on his farm, although he has never entirely ceased to take an active interest in lumbering, being at present engaged in purchasing lumber for Quebec parties.

The farm of Mr. Shanahan has been increased from time to time by purchase, until it now comprises one hundred and sixty acres, and upon it has been erected a handsome brick residence, besides barns and outhouses of a good grade. A view of the farm, which is now second to none in the township, appears on another page. Political affairs have ever attracted his attention and in the spring of 1885 he was elected Township Supervisor, which position he occupied for six consecutive terms and was chairman of the board during his last incumbency of the office. He has also held the office of Highway Commissioner for two years and was one of the most active men in securing the election of Mark S. Brewer to Congress in 1888. Up to the time of that campaign he had been active as a Democrat, but since that he has voted and worked with the Republican party. Educational affairs and all matters that pertain to the general prosperity of the community find in him an active worker and he is a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Shanahan was married in Mt. Morris, Genesee County, on October 2, 1878, to Miss Elizabeth Green, daughter of James and Ellen (Mackin) Green, who was born in Flint Township, Genesee County, January 25, 1858. To this union have been granted six children, viz.: Mary E., Annie E., Margaret, William J., Edward S. and Gertrude. Our subject is a thoroughly practical man and has been obliged to gain for himself much which many have received through their school education. By perseverance and observation he has risen to rank with men of intelligence and education, and by industry and economy has attained a handsome property. For about three years he was Postmaster of Navan, Montrose Township, but in the summer of 1891 resigned this office.

HENRY SIPLE, an intelligent and progressive farmer, is one of the most popular citizens of Davison Township, Genesee County, and is now serving as its Supervisor. He has recently (1891) rented his farm and will henceforth reside in Davison, where he will be engaged in the manufacture of road carts. Mr. Siple was

born in Sussex County, N. J., February 16, 1844, and is the son of Isaac and Margaret (Coursen) Siple, natives of New Jersey. His father who has always carried on his trade as a wheelwright, came to Michigan in 1856 and located in Macomb County. In 1857 he removed to Orion Township, Oakland County, where he is still living at the age of seventy-seven.

The mother of our subject, who was descended from a long line of New England ancestry, died in July, 1889, at the age of sixty-eight years. In her religious convictions she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. All of her eleven children are still living, the youngest having now reached the age of twenty-one. Our subject is the eldest son and the fourth child in order of age. He received limited education at the district school, and had the advantage of log walls and slab seats in his institution of learning. Until he reached the age of fourteen he remained under the parental roof and after that he worked out by the month until he was married. When he was twenty-three years old he began farming in Independence Township, and there bought forty acres of land. In 1874 he removed to Davison Township, Genesee County, where he carried on a rented farm for six years. In 1880 he bought his present farm on section 2, Davison Township, and here he carries on farming extensively.

Mr. Siple was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Davis, who was born in Richfield Township, this county, and is the daughter of Francis and Gertrude Davis. This family were New Yorkers by birth and came to this country at an early date when it was all a wilderness. Mr. Davis died in December, 1884, and his good wife is still living, as are also two of her six children. Mrs. Siple was called from earth November 23, 1891.

Frank Siple, the only son of our subject has taken unto himself a wife and has made his home in Richfield Township, while Ettie, the only daughter, is the wife of Edward Callahan, a farmer in Davison Township. Our subject cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 and from that day to this he has been a stanch Republican and is often sent as a delegate to the county and district conventions. The office of Highway Commissioner has been his three years, and it was in the spring of 1891 that he was elected Supervisor of his township. On his beautiful farm of seventy acres, most of which he has himself cleared from timber he raises varied crops and all kinds of stock. A view of this place is presented on another page. The Order of Odd Fellows claims him as one of its prominent members and he is highly esteemed in every department of social and business life.

CHARLES B. FLANDERS. This venerable and intelligent gentleman, who is still in business and is connected with his son, G. D. Flanders, was born in Warner, N. H., January 24, 1820. His father, Jonathan, was also a native of the old Granite State who later removed to Bradford, N. H., where he died after completing fourscore years of life. The grandfather, Zebulon, was a native of Newburyport, Mass., and one of the pioneers in Warner, N. H. He also lived to pass the limit of forescore and his wife completed ninety-five years. He was of English birth and his wife, whose name was Miss Frinch, was born in France.

The mother of our subject was Sarah Lowell, daughter of Capt. Lowell, a seafaring man, who had many and varied experiences upon the high seas. The mother died in Bradford, N. H., at about the age of fifty-five years, and of her four sons and ten daughters only four are now living. Charles Flanders removed from his native home to Claremont, N. H., at the age of twelve and was there educated in the district schools, and when eighteen he went to Lowell, Mass., and for eight years worked in the cotton mills there, after which he removed to Newberg, N. Y., and thence to Manchester, where he worked in the mills and somewhat later entered upon the mercantile business at Claremont.

The year 1847 marked the emigration of this young man to Michigan and he here engaged in general merchandising. For two years he was a member of the Board of Aldermen and in 1862 he went

to St. Joseph, Mo., where he remained until 1865. During this time he undertook to drive a four-horse team to Denver, transporting a load of sugar and at Ft. Kearney was taken seriously ill and sold out his cargo and returned to St. Joseph with $150. In 1865 he came to Flint and bought the store of D. S. Fox, and here carried on an extensive trade, somewhat later building a brick store on South Saginaw Street and afterward another on Detroit Street. Besides this line of business he has at various times carried on farming. To a stock of groceries he added dry-goods, boots and shoes, and built the store which they now use in 1890. This handsome two-story building stands at the corner of Saginaw and Third Streets and the main building measures 22x70 feet and has two wings each measuring 20x50 feet. He has two brick stores in South Saginaw and owns the Sherman House and the Reese Block, besides seventeen acres of land inside the corporation.

The marriage of our subject took place in Manchester, N. H., in 1843 and his bride, Miss Sophia A. Williams, daughter of John Williams, was born in Alstead, N. H. One child was born to them, George D., who is now a partner with his father and a man who is prominent in the Masonic order. These gentlemen are Democratic in their political views but are not radical on the subject, preferring to be good citizens rather than rabid politicians.

JOHN M. RUSSELL, Prosecuting Attorney of Genesee County, who resides in the city of Flint, is one of the most prominent of the younger members of the legal fraternity in this vicinity, and a man whose rise in his calling and popularity are substantial. Mr. Russell was born in Clyde, N. Y., April 1, 1857. He is a son of L. P. and Martha H. (Cornell) Russell, the former a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and the latter of Marietta, Ohio. Our subject's father went to Wayne County, N. Y., in 1816, and located in Clyde, where he was engaged in farming one hundred and twenty-six acres of land. He was a Captain in the State militia, and served in the Indian War. His decease occurred in 1865. He was commonly known as Deacon Russell, having been prominently connected with the Baptist Church.

Mr. Russell's mother was of Scottish descent. Her paternal grandfather was one of two brothers who went to the Island of Borneo, but becoming implicated in an insurrection were obliged to leave, coming thence to Charleston, S. C., where they separated, Mrs. Russell's grandfather locating in Marietta, Ohio. He was an athlete and was killed by being thrown in a wrestling match. Our subject's paternal great-grandfather was the owner of some mining property in Fishkill, on the Hudson, but by mismanagement lost the property, and then went to Wayne County. Mrs. Russell now resides in Clyde on the old farm, and is eighty-three years of age.

Of the five children of whom our subject is one, the following are the names: C. A., who served in the Eighth Michigan Cavalry, and who is now a practicing physician in Owosso; G. L., who was a Sergeant in Company I, of the Seventy-fifth New York Infantry, and is now a retired farmer living in Owosso; Nathan B. was killed at Baton Rouge, La.; W. H. lives on the old homestead; and John M., is he of whom we write.

The original of this sketch was reared on the home farm and educated at Clyde, graduating at the age of eighteen years. He then entered the law office of Judge Cowles, of Clyde, pursuing his studies under him for two years. In the fall of 1878 Mr. Russell entered the Law Department of the University of Michigan, and was graduated in 1880 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He first located at Farwell, Mich., and engaged in the practice of his profession for a short period.

From Farwell he removed to Harrison, county seat of Clare County, and there became one of the firm of Green & Russell, the partnership lasting until 1883, when he located at Otisville. Besides the practice of his profession, Mr. Russell engaged in the merchandise business, and also operated a farm of forty acres. In March of 1886, he removed to Flint, and engaged in the practice of law. Later he became interested in the pine regions of the Northern Peninsula on the Marquette, Houghton,

Ontonagon & Beule River Railroad. These were forfeited land grants. In the meantime he retained his law practice here.

In 1890 Mr. Russell was elected City Clerk, and was also elected Prosecuting Attorney on the Democratic ticket, assuming the duties of the office January 1, 1891. Mr. Russell was united in marriage, at Harrison, Mich., to Miss Emma T. Wilson, a daughter of W. H. and Amelia B. Wilson, natives of this county, whose parents came here at a very early day. Mrs. Russell's grandfather built the first bridge crossing the Flint River, and her father held a prominent position in the community as a business man. He was one of the firm of W. H. & F. A. Wilson's lumber company. He was also interested in the firm of Wilson, Stone & Wilson, of Harrison, Clare County, and has been a very successful merchant. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children, Donald W. and Jessie M. Socially he belongs to the Masonic Lodge, the Elks, Knights of Pythias, and also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political predilection he is a Democrat, and in 1890 he was elected by a majority of three hundred and eighty-one votes, and was the only one elected on the straight Democratic ticket.

WILLIAM F. STEWART. The business interests of the city of Flint find an excellent representative in Mr. Stewart, who is engaged as a carriage and woodwork manufacturer at No. 529 West Kearsley Street. Here for the past five years (since 1886) he has operated a steam power manufactory, doing a general jobbing trade and supplying manufacturers at wholesale. He may properly be called a self-made man, as what he has and what he is the result of earnest and unaided exertions on his own part. From an humble position as a journeyman he has risen to the head of an extensive establishment, having in his employ sixty-five men, the majority of whom are skilled workmen and making a large pay roll.

A native of Canada, Mr. Stewart was born in London, Ontario, July 22, 1846. The educational advantages as offered by the city of London were enjoyed by our subject in his youth, and as he grew toward manhood he learned the trade of carriage-making and woodwork manufacturing. He became very proficient in these lines, and after being thus engaged in London, Ontario, until 1865, he crossed the border into the United States, and going to New York City, continued in business in the same line. The year 1868 marked his arrival in Michigan, where he located in Pontiac and engaged in the same business. He worked first as a journeyman, and by his careful attention to the various details of business he was enabled to save money, while at the same time by his reliable and honest dealings with all he became known as trustworthy and painstaking.

In 1881 Mr. Stewart established himself in the manufacturing business in this city, but shortly after returned to Pontiac, whence in 1886 he finally returned to this city and has here since remained, actively engaged in his business. He does business on a very extensive scale at present, manufacturing thousands of buggy bodies of all kinds, and frequently sending out an order for ten thousand buggy boxes or bodies for one customer. He still has his carriage factory in Pontiac, and these two establishments are the largest of their kind in this section of country, if not in the entire State of Michigan. He gives his whole attention to his business, and to this devotion may be attributed his success. His customers find him genial and painstaking, and his reputation as an honorable business man extends as far as his name is known.

ANDREW J. COX. This gentleman, who is the County Treasurer of Genesee County, was elected to that office in November, 1890, and has so far conducted it with credit and good judgment. Previous to his nomination he had not been active in politics, but after his nomination on two tickets he did telling campaign work. Mr. Cox was born in Erie

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County, N. Y., May 19, 1817, and is a son of Jacob and Susan (Good) Cox, who were farmers. Our subject grew to maturity, completing his education at the Clarence Classical Union School, after which he taught during the winters for seven years. The father remained on the farm until his death in 1885, and there the mother still lives. The former had held various township offices.

Our subject came to this county in the fall of 1865, and bought sixty acres of land in Genesee Township, and taught during the following winter. To this acreage he has added until he now has one hundred and fifty three acres, all improved, and a house worth $1,600, which was built in 1887. His farm is in excellent condition, and there he is breeding Percheron and Clydesdale horses, good, substantial draft animals, and a superior grade of cattle and sheep.

A happy home was established by the marriage, April 18, 1868, of Mr. Cox and Miss Minerva Reese. This lady is a daughter of Peter Reese, an old settler of Genesee County. This couple have been blessed by the birth of two children—Howard, who is now twelve years old, and Eva, who is only two. Our subject belongs to the Farmers' Alliance and to the Patrons of Industry. He is a man of much ability and is greatly valued in the community.

JAMES F. RUMER, M. D., a popular physician at Davison Station, where he enjoys a lucrative practice, was born December 12, 1852, at Rushsylvania, Logan County, Ohio. He is the son of a Virginian, James Rumer, who emigrated to Logan County, Ohio where he engaged in the mercantile business, remaining there until his death in 1854. The mother, Elizabeth Shrum, was of German extraction and was born in Ohio; she died in the fall of 1890. Eight of her nine children are still living.

Dr. Rumer attended the district school in his boyhood days and afterward entered the Northwood Academy, graduating therefrom in 1870. Subsequent to this he taught school for a series of years, both in the country and in the graded schools, and during the time when he pursued teaching he also undertook the study of medicine, devoting all his spare time to his professional reading.

In 1882 the young man came to Michigan, and several years later located at Mt. Morris and began practicing with Dr. Bardwell, while he continued his reading. Afterward he practiced there by himself for two years. In the winter of 1880 he took up his residence in Richfield, where he practiced until 1887. He then went to Chicago in order to take a course of lectures in Rush Medical College and in 1888 entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, where he took his diploma in 1889; during the same season he located at Davison. He was married in 1882 to Miss Clara Golden of this county. The five children who have come to cheer their home are: Eddie, James, Blanch, Jesse and Marguarete. The last named died in infancy.

The political principles which are endorsed by Dr. Rumer are those which are found expressed in the declarations and platform of the Republican party, and while he is not a politician, he is truly interested in the success of the policy thus marked out. He is identified with both the Masonic order and the Knights of the Maccabees, and is one of the stockholders and the Treasurer of the Davison Road Cart Company. His business and professional talents bid fair to make him one of the most successful men in this part of the country and he is highly esteemed for his social qualities.

Accompanying this biographical notice will be found a portrait of the Doctor.

JOSEPH P. COOK, of the firm of Cook & Pierson, proprietors of the Grand Blanc Flouring Mills, resides in the village of Grand Blanc and is an old settler in the county. He is a native of Livingston County, N. Y., and was there born October 9, 1828. He is a son of Gordon G. and Wealthy (Pierson) Cook. The former was a native of Connecticut and the

latter of New York State. On the paternal side our subject's ancestors are traced back to the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock and it is said that his maternal ancestors were also English.

In 1836 our subject with his parents emigrated to Genesee County, this State, coming by team from Avon, N. Y., to the place where they located. They stopped on their way hither wherever night overtook them. The family settled in Grand Blanc Township on section 20, and were among the earliest settlers of this locality, their home being made in the dense woods. His father purchased three eighty-acre tracts of land from the Government and remained in the township until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-nine years of age; his wife survived him until 1881, when she too died.

Gordon and Wealthy Cook were the parents of four children who are named as follows: Joseph P., Sarah M., now the widow of the Rev. O. Whitmore, Henry H. and Ellen A., wife of A. J. Cronk. The father of our subject for years previous to his decease had served as Highway Commissioner of Grand Blanc Township and was one of the representative men of the county. Our subject was reared to manhood amid scenes of pioneer life and has accomplished his share of preparing this beautiful land for the present generation. The first team that he used in breaking the land were oxen. He received his education in the district school of Grand Blanc Township, but his mental growth only began in that institution, for he has since attained manhood's stature in intellect. He is an intelligent and well-read gentleman whose opinions in regard to the issues of the day are characterized by depth and balance of thought.

Mr. Cook was married October 20, 1852, to Miss Julia H. Slaght, a sister of Dr. Andrew Slaght, of Grand Blanc. By this union seven children have been born, four of whom are still living and whose names are John G., Edwin H., George W. and Willis G. George W. is now engaged as a teacher in the State school for the deaf and dumb at Flint; Willis G. is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Principal of the High School at Flint.

For years our subject resided on his farm on section 20, but in 1887 removed to Grand Blanc, which has since been the place of his residence. In 1886 he formed a partnership with George B. Pierson in the milling business, which has continued up to the present time, he of whom we write being senior partner. He owns a good farm of one hundred and forty-four acres of land, which is well improved and a one-half interest in the milling property. Mr. Cook is a Republican in politics and has served as Justice of the Peace and Highway Commissioner. He has also been one of the Drainage Commissioners of the Township. In his church relations he is a Congregationalist. Our subject has been successful in life and is now among the leading and representative business men of Grand Blanc.

THOMAS G. McCULLA. This true son of Scotland who was born across the seas, July 12, 1849, is now a farmer upon section 19, Millington Township, Tuscola County. His father, John, and his mother, Sarah (Perry) McCulla, were born in Scotland and were there reared and married. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Perry was a native of England, and his wife, Sarah Forsythe, was of Scotch birth. To Mr. and Mrs. McCulla were born seven sons and four daughters.

John McCulla, was a machinist by trade and carried on his avocation in his native land, and died there, as did also his wife. Our subject was twenty-one years of age when he left Scotland and came to Alpena, Mich., and for one year was in the lumber woods, following sailing during the summers and lumbering during the winter. The farm which he now owns was purchased by him with the means he had accumulated in this work, and it became his in 1878. This beautiful tract of eighty acres is considered one of the choicest farms of Millington Township. He has made his own property and cleared his farm and has seventy acres of improved land. Upon this he is now building a handsome residence.

Our subject has been first and second mate on steamboats and sailing vessels, and has traveled extensively, having visited most of the seaports in

Europe, Canada and the United States. Throughout life he has pursued a course of reading which has made him a man of broad intelligence and he is well informed upon all general subjects. His library is one of the best in the county, being extensive and well selected. As a Republican he is stanch and active and has always held to the doctrines of this party, yet is not an office-seeker or a politician.

HENRY BEDTELYON. Among the intelligent and public-spirited agriculturists in Montrose Township, Genesee County, we are pleased to mention Mr. Bedtelyon, whose beautiful farms and good buildings are among the attractions on section 31. He was born in Clarence, Erie County, N. Y., July 19, 1847, and at the age of six years came with his parents to Michigan, settling in Atlas Township, this county, where he grew to manhood. After studying in the common schools he attended for a time select schools at Goodrich and at Ortonville, and remained with his parents until his marriage, which took place in Davison Township, April 3, 1876. His bride was Miss Ella Dodge, a native Wolverine who was born in Groveland Township, Oakland County, March 29, 1858.

Immediately after marriage our subject and his wife went to Saginaw County, settling in Maple Grove Township, where they bought a farm and lived for seven years, after which they sold that property and bought in Clayton Township, where they resided until March, 1881, at which time they removed to section 31, Montrose Township, which has since been their home.

Mr. Bedtelyon has always followed agricultural pursuits and has found success therein, being a thorough, systematic farmer and an upright and enterprising business man, and in all his efforts he has been ably seconded by his worthy and judicious companion, to whom he owes much of his prosperity, and whose social qualities make her well known and thoroughly popular in her neighborhood. They are liberal in their religious views and are giving to their four children—Lydia Pearl, Cora Ellen, John and Arthur—excellent educational advantages and thorough home training.

Our subject owns one hundred and fifty-five acres of land, part of it in Genesee County and part in Saginaw County, and one hundred and ten acres of this is under cultivation and quite productive. The farm buildings which he has erected are well adapted to carry on the necessary work, and the home is considered a delightful one. This gentleman has held several of the school offices, and formerly took an active part in political affairs, but is now content with casting his vote for the Republican ticket and doing his share in keeping alive the institutions of the town. His father, George, and his mother, Lydia (Kroll) Bedtelyon, both died in Atlas Township, and his wife's parents, Daniel and Susan (Harpst) Dodge, had their home in Oakland County, and there the father died, but the mother still survives. This excellent family receives, as it deserves, the esteem and regard of the community.

ANSON J. ADAMS, M. D., A. B. The Homœpathic school finds one of its strongest advocates and most skilled practitioners in him whose name appears above. He is a resident of Flint, where he has practiced since January, 1873. Dr. Adams was born in Southfield Township, Oakland County, Mich., fourteen miles from Pontiac, in November, 1842. He is a son of O. R. and Harriet (James) Adams. Our subject's father was a farmer and a native of Cortland County, N. Y. He came to Michigan as one of the pioneers, starting out from Detroit with an ox-team, with which it took him two days to travel twenty-five miles; he located in the woods and secured a farm.

Our subject's parents had a family of seven children. His father moved to Pontiac in 1853 in order to engage in the mercantile business and was interested in the hat and fur business until his decease, which took place in 1863. Our subject's mother died in 1882. A. J. Adams re-

ceived his education in Pontiac and at the Detroit High School, and after graduating from the last named institution, he entered Williams' College, in Massachusetts, and graduated with the Class of '67, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Our subject began the exclusive study of medicine with Dr. Walker, of Pontiac, and he then took a course of lectures at the Chicago Homeopathic College during the year of 1868-69. After two years spent in travel, he went to Cleveland and studied under Dr. M. Snyder, and attended two courses of lectures in the Homeopathic Hospital College of Cleveland, graduating with the Class of '72. He began his practice at Pontiac, remaining there from March until January, 1873, at which latter date he came to Flint, where he has had a most gratifying degree of success in a professional way.

Aside from the advancement that he has made by individual study and effort, our subject has not failed to strengthen himself by alliance with State and local societies. He gives his undivided attention to his chosen calling, and finds in the skillful practice of his profession a satisfaction known only to one who follows a chosen and much-loved career.

Dr. Adams married Miss Julia Kellogg, of Cleveland, February 25, 1875. They have become the parents of one child, a daughter—Lucy K. Dr. Adams has made for himself a high and honorable name with the people of Flint, both as a gentleman and as a skillful professional man, and is an honored citizen of the place.

LEVI GLANN. This well-known farmer of Clayton Township, Genesee County, is one of the sons of New York who are scattered so thickly through the Wolverine State. He was born April 16, 1829 in Ontario County, and is the son of John M. and Nancy (Belmy) Glann. The father came from Ontario County, N. Y., to Michigan at an early day and settled near Coldwater, but returned East four years later and spent the remainder of his days in New York. He was a Republican in his political views.

John and Jane (Mitchell) Glann, the paternal grandparents of our subject were New Yorkers and there spent their days and brought up their small family. Their son, John M., had a family of seven children, and one brother and one sister are still spared to our subject, namely: Carleton, who is a farmer in Lapeer County, Mich., and Sarah, Mrs. Stokoe, who resides on the old homestead in New York.

Until thirty years of age, Levi Glann spent most of his life with his parents and was then married to Phebe J., daughter of Amos and Catherine Herrington. Their first home was in Chemung County, N. Y., and later they lived in Yates County. Upon coming to Michigan they purchased eighty acres of land in Oakland County and there resided until eight years ago when they disposed of it and purchased property in this township. They here bought an excellently improved farm having good buildings upon it and paid for it at the rate of $60 an acre. Their four children are: Ariel, George, Loren and Etta. The eldest son married Rachel Wagonshed and lives at Imlay City, Lapeer County; and George, who married Emily Wilson, makes his home in Owosso: Loren and his wife, whose maiden name was Alice Bendle, have three children, Ethel, Levi J. and Charles, and live upon a farm in Flint Township; the youngest daughter is now Mrs. A. Hilliker and has one child.

In the order of Odd Fellows Mr. Glann holds an honorable position and he belongs to the Democratic party, being a leader in many ways. He keeps graded horses and graded cattle and has done much to raise the standard in regard to stock. Mrs. Phebe Glann died in 1880 and the present wife was before her marriage with him Mrs. Sarah Deski of Oakwood, Oakland County. She was a daughter of James and Hannah (Cushing) Baldwin, both natives of Vermont. Her father was both a carpenter and farmer and after living in New York and Ohio he came to Michigan in 1836 and settled at Mt. Vernon, Oakland County, where he engaged in farming. During the latter part of his life he and his wife made their home at Oxford in Oakland County. Of their seven children, six are now

living, namely: Nelcria, Mrs. Fuller; Martha, Mrs. Lawrence; Alvin; Harrison; Julia, Mrs. Burweel; and Sarah, Mrs. Glann. Mr. Baldwin was a soldier in the War of 1812 and a man of prominence wherever he made his home.

ELBERT A. YOUNG, a druggist in the village of Clio, was born in Danby Township, Tompkins County, N. Y., August 24, 1835. His father, Samuel T. Young, was a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., and practiced the trade of a millwright, but after he came to Michigan, in 1854, he settled upon a farm near Corunna, and carried it on for some time. Later he moved to Livingston County and now resides in Howell. He married Hannah Courtright, a native of New York, of Holland descent who died in 1879.

Albert Young commenced doing business for himself at the age of fourteen and previous to that time he had worked as a carpenter with his father. Somewhat later he learned the painter's trade in Ithica, N. Y. and worked at it until 1860, but at the same time he continued attending the village schools during the winters and thus acquired a good education. In 1860 he undertook the study of medicine, but two years later these studies were interrupted by the call to arms. He enlisted and went to the front, serving as hospital steward, although he never was granted the rank which went with that duty.

After returning from the seat of war the young man entered the school of pharmacy in New York City and studied for two years, and subsequently went into the drug business at Howell and was there for eight years, building up a good business. He afterward went to Detroit and entered into partnership with William Johnson, manufacturing proprietary medicine, continuing in that city for seven years. He then sold out his business and went to Mt. Clemens for three years, and at the end of that time he came to Clio. He has a well-selected stock of goods and his business is constantly on the increase.

Mr. Young was united in the bonds of marriage in 1868, with Miss Agnes L., daughter of John I. VanDeusen, a business man of Howell. They have two children—Fred E., born January 20, 1870, who is now in the store with his father, and Charles E., born June 30, 1875, is still attending the Clio schools. The eldest son took his education in the public schools of Mt. Clemens and Detroit. Our subject is a firm believer in the principles of the Democratic party and he is a member of the orders of Masonry and the Maccabees and belongs to the James Bradley Post, G. A. R. of Clio. He has been identified with the Michigan State Pharmaceutical Society ever since its organization.

EDMOND PERRY, Davison Township, Genesee County, counts among its citizens a number of men of now almost venerable years, who came hither in very early days, and have here hewn out of the wilderness splendid farms and homes of beauty and culture. Our subject and his younger brother have lived longer in this county than any one else, as they came here in 1826. Their services as pioneers have been of undoubted value to the community, and they have ever been influential in the line of promoting the establishment of such institutions as have helped to make the township what it is. The fine family which grew up about Mr. Perry has been influential for good and for all progress in the community.

Our subject was born in Lebanon Springs, Columbia County, N. Y., June 29, 1814, and his father, who bore the same name, was of Rhode Island birth and a son of Edward Perry, who removed from Rhode Island to Massachusetts when Edmond, Sr., was eighteen years old. He was the youngest of nine children, and in his young manhood removed to New York, to which new home he was accompanied by his father, who died early in the nineteenth century. His grandfather was a Quaker and the family is descended from three brothers who came from England at an early day.

Edmond Perry, Sr., farmed in New York, and also built a woolen mill and carded the first rolls of wool that were carded in the State of New York,

by machinery. He built another factory at Lebanon, which he subsequently sold and removed to Clarkston Corners, where he lived until 1824, when he removed to Rush, and there remained until 1826. He had made a visit to Michigan one year previous and located a tract of Government land in Grand Blanc Township, and there he left his eldest son and a nephew, while he returned to New York for the family, bringing them on in September, 1826.

Jacob Stevens was then the only man who had settled in Genesee County, previous to the coming of the Perrys. They built a log house and lived in true pioneer style, and the father died January 14, 1864, at the age of eighty-five years. His good wife had passed from earth in February, 1852, and of the eleven children five are still living. The father was a man of prominence, and he built the first schoolhouse that was erected in this county, putting it up at his own expense.

Our subject was thirteen years old when his parents came to Michigan, and he took his further education in the district schools here, and remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-seven, when he entered land on sections 34 and 35, Davison Township, receiving a deed signed by Martin Van Buren. He was married, January 21, 1841, to Clarissa G. Wilson, of Marshfield, Washington County, Vt. She had come with her parents to Michigan, and located in Atlas Township, in 1837. It was in 1845 before our subject removed his family onto his own land, where he had in the meanwhile built a house of hewn logs. The children who clustered about the fire-place in this primitive home are: Clarinda K.; Cornelia, deceased; Charles W., Florence E., Caroline A., S. Wilson and Frank M. The oldest daughter is now the wife of Joseph Hobart, of Flint; Charles taught school some before taking his law course at the Michigan University, and is now practicing his profession at Clare, Mich., where he is a man of influence and importance, being the Mayor of the city, and also a banker. He is the President of the Clare Bank, and also of the wooden-ware manufacturing establishment.

Mr. Perry is a Democrat in his political views, and has held various local offices. He has ever had a strict sense of duty in regard to the discharge of his privileges as a citizen, and has voted at every township election, except one, which has been held since he became a voter. His father was Highway Commissioner and laid out roads when Grand Blanc Township extended to Saginaw. The parents of Mrs. Perry were Samuel and Keziah (Green) Wilson, who were born in New Hampshire, but were reared in Vermont. When they first came West they took up Government land in Atlas Township, which they cleared and improved. The father died in April, 1861, and the mother passed away in 1836, in New York.

Clarinda Perry, the eldest daughter of our subject, took her education in the district school and in the Normal school, and taught for twenty years. Her husband is now a retired farmer. Mr. Perry's fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres has upon it a beautiful home which was built in 1872, and which has always been kept in excellent repair. This prosperous and prominent farmer has devoted considerable attention to raising live stock of different varieties, and has made progress along that line as well as in other branches of agricultural work.

WILLIAM O. BOUGHTON. A fine specimen of the genus homo denominated the self-made man is this gentleman, for all that he has he owes to his own exertions. He is a man of honor, whose character is unblemished, and his standing in business and social circles is of the highest. His frank, genial manner has given him a warm place in the hearts of his many associates, and he is popular with all classes. He is especially well known in Genesee County, where he operates a farm in Thetford Township, and has gained a solid reputation as a progressive agriculturist. In public affairs of the community he takes an active part and has served his fellow-citizens in various political capacities, filling efficiently any position to which he is called.

Before giving in detail the important events in the life of Mr. Boughton, it may be well to briefly

mention his descent. His parents were W. W. and Martha W. (Metcalf) Boughton, natives of New York State and Vermont respectively. The father was an early settler of Michigan, whither he emigrated from the Empire State in November, 1842, and located in Genesee County. He followed the occupation of a farmer and was the first treasurer of Thetford Township. The usual hardships which fall to the lot of pioneers he was not exempt from, but by unremitting labor he subdued the soil and established a pleasant home. A few years before the parents came to this State our subject was born, May 28, 1836, in Monroe County, N. Y., and he was therefore a child of three and a half years when he accompanied his parents to the West. He has one brother who resides in Texas.

Those who do not undergo the experience cannot realize the hard lot of the early settlers of this State. Our subject received a very meager education, attending school only three months in his early youth and when he was twenty-one taking a course of three terms in a High School. Nor were his advantages in other directions any greater, and he relates that he never had a pair of boots until he was nineteen years old. At the age of twenty-one he began life for himself, working at any honorable employment until the breaking out of the Civil War. He then, in July, 1861, enlisted in Company B, First Michigan Infantry, and with his regiment became an integral part of the Army of the Potomac. At the expiration of two and a half years of his term, he veteranized in February, 1864, and served until the close of the war in 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He participated in many of the conflicts which made the Army of the Potomac famous, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Malvern Hill. Conveyed to Libby Prison, he was kept three months until exchanged. He experienced many narrow escapes, and was often grazed by bullets, but fortunately was never seriously injured.

After his return from the battlefield, Mr. Boughton was married on September 25, 1865, to Miss Matilda Coshun, of Clayton, this county. Their wedded life was of brief duration, as the bride died the following June. Mr. Boughton was again married January 1, 1868, choosing as his bride Mrs. Mary Coolidge, an estimable lady, possessing those noble qualities which characterize a good woman, a tender mother and a devoted wife. Mrs. Boughton was the widow of Moses Coolidge, who was taken a prisoner and died in Andersonville Prison. She had one child by that marriage, Elvira, who is now Mrs. Brabazon, and lives in this township. Six children still cluster around the fireside, none of them having yet left the parental roof. They are: William W., Hattie M., Louis O., Clair Stanley, George Albert and Matie M.

In politics, Mr. Boughton is a Republican, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace eight years, which fact of itself testifies to his value as a public-spirited citizen. In the cause of education he is greatly interested, and has served as School Inspector six years and member of the School Board nineteen years, in the meantime rendering good service in elevating the standard of education in the township. He was Drainage Commissioner of Genesee County four years and Township Commissioner seven years, Constable five years, and socially he belongs to the Farmers' Alliance and the Patrons of Industry. In his comfortable home he and his excellent wife dispense hospitality to all who visit them and are justly entitled to the high esteem in which they are held.

WILLIAM CLYDE SHERMAN. With each passing generation the young people are assuming positions of greater responsibility in the various callings of life, whether upon the farm, in the store or in official positions. In practice, the old saying "Old men for counsel, young men for action," is gradually being changed to "Young men for counsel, young men for action." To carry on successfully the various enterprises in which young men are engaged requires great skill, unremitting industry and far-seeing tact. To say therefore that a young man is conspicuous in any department of labor, is to say of him that he possesses marked abilities, and this statement may be made with truth of the subject of this notice.

Willie C. Sherman was born May 23, 1862, in Caro, this State, and is the son of William E. and Sarah E. Sherman, who for a long time resided in Oakland County, this State, where they were born. They were people of worth and industrious habits and reared their children, of whom there were three, to positions of usefulness. No especial advantages were enjoyed by our subject in his youth, and he alternated his time between study in the schools of Caro and work at home. When he arrived at man's estate he established a home of his own, his bride being Miss Amanda Scott, to whom he was married July 6, 1885. Mrs. Sherman was born in the State of New York, and is the daughter of Darius and Mary Scott. Two sons brighten the home of our subject and his estimable wife, by name Foster and Paul.

In his political relations the principles of the Republican party formerly received the hearty support of Mr. Sherman, and their candidates were sure of his influence and ballot. However, he is now a member of the Farmers' Alliance and votes for the man and the measure, rather than for the party. He has confined his attention to his business, which is that of a printer, and has declined public positions. The place which he occupies among his fellow-citizens is an honorable one and has come to him by the exercise of sound common sense and genial companionship, while his hospitable home is the frequent resort of his many friends.

JACOB M. ELDRIDGE is an old settler of this county, who is at his time of life enjoying the retirement from active employment to which he has always been so energetically devoted. He has a very pleasant home, located at No. 709 Stephen Street, in the city of Flint. Mr. Eldridge was born at Woodstock, N. Y., January 26, 1841, and is a son of Weaton and Susan (Montross) Eldridge, the father being a farmer at that place. He moved when our subject was quite young to the village of Richmond, Ontario County, N. Y., and there purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which our subject lived until eighteen years of age, when his father went to Lima and purchased a place four miles south of that town and there our subject arrived at manhood, receiving his education in the two places.

At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Eldridge was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Jane Van Sickle, their nuptials being solemnized in February, 1833, she being six years younger than her husband. She is a daughter of James Van Sickle, of Lavonia, also a farmer, and was born in Cayuga County. After their marriage they made their home in Lavonia for about one year, when they went to Bergen. In 1836 he of whom we write, came to Flint and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Burton Township, three miles east of the city, on the Davison Road. He did not bring his family at once, living alone for some little time. He went to Detroit in order to enter his quarter-section of land and finally returned to New York, where he remained until 1842, when, in the month of June, he drove to Buffalo with his wife and five children and two loads of household furniture. Taking a boat at the last-named city, they came to Detroit and thence by wagon to Grand Blanc. They there worked through the hay and harvest season and then built a log house with a clay and stick chimney, taking possession of their new home December 2, 1841. There was not a house anywhere in sight, their own home being in the dense woods. The winters were spent in clearing and he sold many logs and in various ways accumulated enough so that at the end of four years he was enabled to build a good frame barn, 32x44 feet in dimensions, and four years later he built a frame house. For this he paid out money for the nails alone.

In addition to their residence our subject erected three good barns. His horse barn was 30x50 feet in dimensions. It is a comfortable housing for his animals. The other features of his farm are in correspondence with these named. Everything shows good management, prudence and industry. At one time Mr. Eldridge was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land. In 1872 he divided a portion of his farm among his three sons, retaining one hundred and twenty acres of the old homestead, which he sold in 1883. Our subject's domestic life has been blessed in many ways.

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His wife has been a model home-maker and his children have risen up to call him blessed. He is the father of the following children: Edward, deceased; Rachel, widow of Mr. Yale; Elizabeth, Mrs. Philip Myers, of Petoskey; Eliza; Sarah, widow of J. J. Johnson. Mr. Eldridge was bereaved of his wife, who died April 14, 1875. His son, John W., now resides on a part of the old farm, while James, the youngest of the family, lives in Indiana, where he is engaged as an engineer. He has given each of his daughters also a good setting out in life and $1,600 in money besides. Best of all, they have all received excellent educational advantages. Mr. Eldridge politically in early days was a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party became a stanch supporter of the same.

The father of our subject came to this place about 1850 and bought what is known as the Kersley Mill, farm, etc. He remained there until his decease. Our subject never engaged in politics, but has once been elected a Justice of the Peace, although even then he refused to qualify. For the past fifty years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and at an early day his home was not an infrequent place of meeting for the good people of that persuasion. Mrs. Eldridge was a woman of noble traits, whose comforting word and cheery smile greatly encouraged her husband in all of his work. He later married Mrs. Susan (Farrand) Begle, December 12, 1877—she is still living. She is a native of Waterloo, N. Y. She was the widow of Ira S. Begle, who was a merchant and lumber dealer, also a lawyer.

CHAUNCEY L. HOWELL, M. D. This well-known and influential professional man of Flint, who is now Secretary of the Board of the United States Pension Examining Surgeons, was born at Hillsdale, Mich., in 1841, on the 20th of June. His father was a New Yorker who had settled in Hillsdale in 1835, and there carried on a farm, but later removed to Roxanna, Eaton County, where he died at the age of seventy-one. The mother, whose maiden name was Lydia Coomer, was a New Yorker by birth and a daughter of a farmer of Hillsdale County, Mich. Their nine children all grew to maturity, and besides our subject two other sons were in the army, in the same regiment with the Doctor.

Dr. Howell was only twenty years of age when in September, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Second Michigan Cavalry, and was sent with his regiment to Missouri and afterward to Kentucky and Tennessee. He took part in the battles of New Madrid, Corinth, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Chattanooga and Chickamauga, being in constant fighting for weeks. At Franklin his horse was shot beneath him and he was entangled so that he had to have help from a comrade to get out from under the fallen animal. Later he took part in the Wilson raid, going as far south as Macon, Ga., and was there mustered out of service in August, 1865. He was promoted from time to time until he reached the rank of Second Lieutenant in 1865.

Upon returning home the young veteran spent a short time in Roxanna, and then went to Mankato, Minn., where he formed a partnership with Dr. Chubb, starting in the drug and medicine business and finally took up the study of medicine. In 1871 he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago and later resumed business again, combining with it the practice of medicine. In 1874 he sold out his establishment in Minnesota, and coming to Michigan, located at Potterville, Eaton County, but removed shortly to Hillsdale. In 1881--82 he took another course of lectures at Rush Medical College, since which he has devoted himself to his practice, locating first at Goodrich, in this county, and coming thence to Flint in the fall of 1882.

The subject of this sketch was married at Grand Ledge, this State, in 1866, being then united with Miss Dell Capwell, a native of New York. To them has been born one daughter to whom they have given the name of Pearl, and this young lady, who is at home with her parents, graduated at the Flint High School in the Class of '91. The Doctor is Superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Court Street, of which he is a member, and besides being identified with the

Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has been Surgeon of Crapo Post. He is a Democrat in his politics and is frequently a delegate to the county and State conventions. As will be inferred from the accompanying portrait, he is a man of commanding appearance and fine physique and is possessed of a most excellent constitution.

EZRA K. JENKINS, a dealer in pianos, organs and musical merchandise, has the oldest music house in Genesee County. When he came to Flint he had barely money enough to begin business on a very small scale, and his excellent success is entirely owing to his undaunted energy, his excellent business methods and his thorough knowledge of his branch of trade. He was born in Cazenovia, Madison County, N. Y., July 21, 1824, and his father, Gilbert T., was a native of the same place, while his grandfather, Ezra, was an early settler there and a native of Dutchess County.

The parents owned a farm of twenty-five acres at Cazenovia and the mother, Judith, was a daughter of Isaac Rice, a drover and farmer who became very wealthy through his trade with New York City and Albany. She died in Oswego County, N. Y., at the home of a daughter in 1890 and was then in her ninety-first year.

Our subject was one of five children, and after attending district school he studied in the academy of New Woodstock. His training was upon the farm and he used to accompany his Grandfather Rice on his drover expeditions, walking the whole one hundred and twelve miles. From boyhood he was a natural musician, both vocal and instrumental, and began teaching singing school at the age of nineteen. He was married in 1845 to Miss Mary M., daughter of Amasa Borden, a carpenter of Cazenovia, whose daughter was born in Rhode Island.

In 1863 Mr. Jenkins sold out his fine farm of one hundred acres at Cazenovia and removed to Cuba, Allegany County, N. Y., where he engaged in a musical trade until 1867. He then came to Flint and started with a small stock and for the first two years traveled with a wagon, making sales, and now keeps a man on the road. In those early days he found it necessary to teach music also in order to supplement his income. He handles all the leading instruments such as the Hallet & Davis and Ivers & Pond pianos, and among organs his favorites are the Estey, the Packard, the United States and the Chicago Cottage Organ.

Our subject has been a leader of music in the Baptist Church since he joined it at the age of eighteen and in politics is a true-blue Republican. For one year he occupied the position of City Treasurer, in which he gave good satisfaction. His three children are, Zilla A., now Mrs. Newman, of Flint, Frances J., the wife of J. B. Wilson, and Gilbert T. who is in business with his father.

WILLIAM A. PADDISON. The British-American citizens of Atlas Township, Genesee County are a sturdy and self-respecting class of men from whom we select representative individuals to be presented in this RECORD. Among them none is more worthy of our choice than Mr. Paddison. Lincolnshire, England, is his native place, and February 8, 1827 his natal day. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Paddison, are both natives of England, and in their family he is the seventh son. He grew to manhood in his native country and early was set to work upon the farm receiving only a common-school education. From the time he was fourteen until he emigrated to America in 1851 he was employed as a laborer upon a farm. He landed in New York City and after spending some time in Canada came in the fall of 1852 to Genesee County, Mich., where for a number of years he worked for farmers.

In 1857 this young man bought fifteen acres of land, a part of his present farm, and while getting it under cultivation he spent a good deal of time in farm labor for others. To his small farm he has added by subsequent purchases until he now owns eighty-two acres. He has done much hard pioneer

work and has made his farm what it is to-day. He was married April 9, 1863, to Elvira Cooledge, daughter of Freeman and Edna Cooledge. She was born in Genesee County, N. Y. April 25, 1830. At the age of seven years she removed to Genesee County, Mich. with her parents. The children who have come to Mr. and Mrs. Paddison are: Harriet A., wife of Abram Haddrill, and Thomas F. His wife, who had been his devoted helpmate and counselor for years, departed this life, March 28, 1888. In her death the township lost one of its noblest citizens and one of its early pioneers.

Our subject has never taken an active part in politics but in his political views he sympathizes with the declarations of the Democratic party. His son, Thomas F., resides at home. He was born in Genesee County, May 21, 1865, and was educated in the same county. Like his father he is a Democrat and well respected by all who know him. He has a tract of sixty acres of land in Lapeer County, but has always made his home here. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. The honesty, sterling integrity and hospitality of William Paddison have given him not only the esteem but the warm regard of his neighbors, and all have for him a word of appreciation.

MRS. MARY J. ROBINSON is the proprietor of one hundred and seventy acres of good land on sections 22, 23 and 26, Burton Township. She was born in Thetford Township, Genesee County, April 15, 1837, and is a daughter of Nelson VanTuyl. Her grandfather, Isaac VanTuyl, was a New Englander by birth but removed to New York and at an early day came to Oakland County, Mich., and located five miles west of Pontiac. In 1836 he removed to Thetford Township, Genesee County and subsequently to Pine Run, thence went to Burns, Shiawassee County where he died.

Our subject's father was married in Oakland County. In 1836 he removed to Genesee County where he was one of the first settlers in Thetford Township. He here improved a farm, but later removed to Burns. He subsequently purchased a farm a few miles south of Flint, thence went to Bay City and was engaged in the produce business for a few years. He finally located at Bancroft, where he has since been engaged in the lumber business. He was one of the organizers of Thetford Township and held various official positions, having been Supervisor of the township. Our subject's mother was Miss Eliza Cole in her maiden days.

Mrs. Robinson is the second in order of birth of her parents' family. She was reared in Thetford Township and was a student in the district school which was held in a log schoolhouse. Her marriage took place June 23, 1856 and the knot was tied by the Rev. B. Foy who was a professor in the the deaf and dumb institute at Flint. Her husband was George H. Robinson, who was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., July 21, 1834. He was a son of Asel and Lydia Robinson.

George H. Robinson was reared for the most part in Burton Township on a farm, having come here when he was two years old. He was educated in the district school of the vicinity and finished at the High School in Flint. When he was eighteen years of age he went to Ohio and was there employed for some time as a clerk with his brother-in-law near Cleveland. On his return from Ohio he purchased eighty acres of land on section 23, Burton Township. This he improved and added to from time to time until he became the owner of one hundred and seventy acres, all being well improved. His decease occurred August 13, 1887. He was one of the most devoted members of the Protestant Methodist Church and an active and zealous worker. He was a Republican in politics originally, although he finally became identified with the Prohibitionists.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Robinson has conducted the work of the farm and by the intelligence which she has brought to bear has shown of what her sex is capable. The place which she carries on is one of the finest in the township. She has a good residence which is tastefully furnished. She is the mother of six children—Clinton, Clara, Willis, Clifton, Frank and Floyd. Clinton is a farmer residing near Bancroft, Shiawassee County;

Clara is Mrs. Pettis and lives in Grand Blanc Township; Willis is now engaged with a sanitary company at Syracuse, N. Y. The three youngest sons are still at home. Mrs. Robinson is identified with the Burton Methodist Episcopal Church. She acts as Vice-President of the Ladies' Missionary Society, and her voice is always raised in favor of prohibition.

ERASTUS D. GILBERT. One of the old settlers in this portion of the State who has done much to improve the condition of the country is he whose name appears above. He is a resident on section 6, Flint Township, Genesee County, and there has a fine farm that is one of the pleasing features of this vicinity. Mr. Gilbert was born in Flint Township on the farm where he now lives, October 6, 1843; he is a son of the late Anson Gilbert, who was born in Saratoga County, N. Y. His mother was Judith A. Garland, who was a native of New Hampshire. They settled in Flint Township in 1838, coming here from Saginaw. Previous to that they had lived in Detroit for two years. Their decease took place in Flint Township.

Our subject was one of three children born to his parents, and was brought up on his father's farm, receiving a common-school education in his boyhood. His attention has from his youth been directed to agriculture, and he has always been a resident of Flint Township. Mr. Gilbert was married in Flint, Mich., February 20, 1878, his bride being Miss Lottie Hoskins, a daughter of Roswell and Calista (Craig) Hoskins. The former was born in New York, and the latter in Canada, where they were married, coming to Genesee County, Mich., about 1854. They first settled in Flushing Township, afterward moving to Maple Grove, Saginaw County.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Gilbert was the sixth in order of birth. She was born in Canada East, August 29, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are the parents of three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy, as did also Ernest G.; and Louie A., now eight years old, is with his parents. Our subject and his wife have an adopted daughter, who is by name Grace A. Mrs. Gilbert is a most estimable lady who has been an inspiration to her husband in his career as a farmer. She is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and one who may be depended upon to fulfill most ably all duties that tend toward establishing the best order and conditions of society. Mr. Gilbert is the owner of eighty-six acres of land, and has good buildings upon his place.

On another page of the Record will be noticed a view of the commodious residence and surroundings on Mr. Gilbert's estate.

SAMUEL N. WARNER. Mr. Warner has retired from active engagement in agricultural life and now resides in Flushing, enjoying the advantages and comforts of his pleasant home. He was born at Woodhull, Steuben County, N. Y., February 8, 1826, and is a son of Nathaniel J. and Huldah (Tubbs) Warner, natives of Connecticut. The former was a cooper by trade and resided in the Empire State for some years, removing thence to Potter County, Pa., where he was engaged in farming and in coopering. He removed to Michigan 1846 and settled on a farm of one hundred and fifty acres near Flint. That was his home until his death August 28, 1860. His wife died June 6, 1876.

Our subject's grandfather on the paternal side was Samuel and his grandmother, Mary (Jerome) Warner. They were natives of England and coming to America settled in Connecticut and later in Potter County, Pa., where they lived and died. They had a family of five children. Our subject's father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was appointed to the office of Lieutenant while a State militia-man. Of a family of nine children of which he was the father, four still live—Simon L., Samuel N., Diadema and Elizabeth H.

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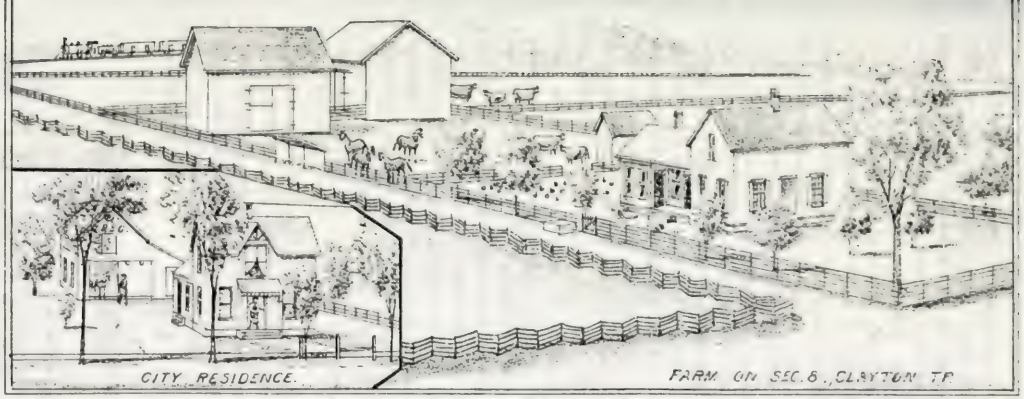

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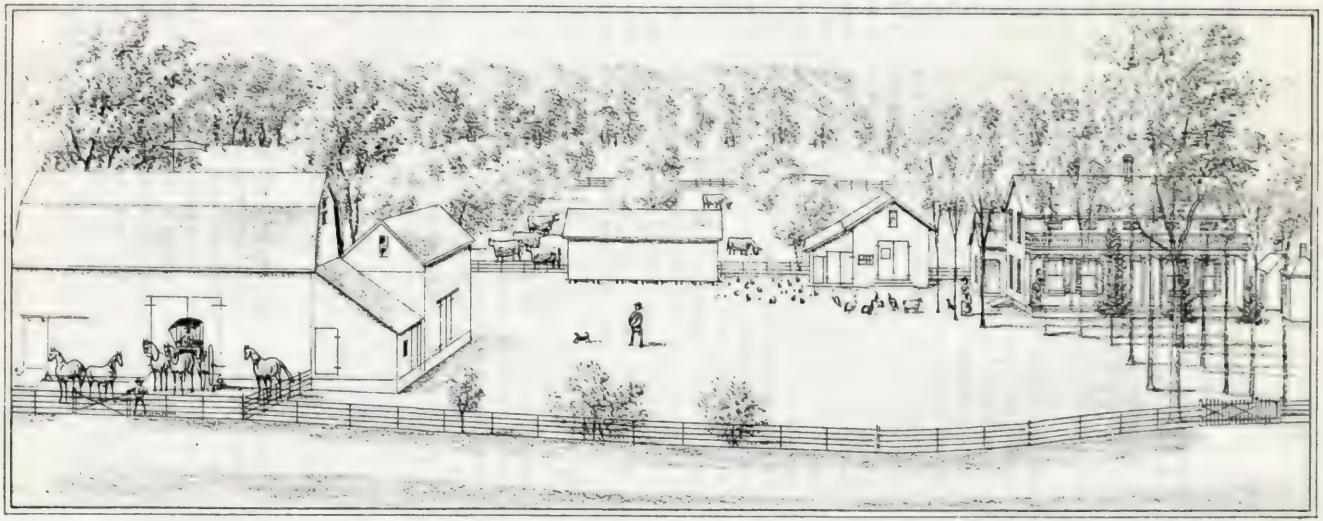

RES. OF E. D. GILBERT, SEC. 6., FLINT TP, GENESEE CO., MICH.

Pennsylvania and early learned the duties incident to a farmer's life. He came with his parents to Michigan and made his home with them until their decease. He lived on the farm until 1862 and then traded it for a farm in Clayton Township, compromising one hundred and twenty acres. That was his place of residence until January, 1891, when he moved to Flushing and built a fine home on Emily Street, where he now lives. A view of this residence with the tasteful surroundings is presented on another page.

In 1864 our subject was married to Miss Hannah Baldwin of Cattaraugus County, N. Y. She was born in 1845 and was a daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Packard) Baldwin, natives of New York and Massachusetts respectively. On coming to Michigan he engaged in farming until 1877 when he took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. Warner, remaining with her until his death, which took place in 1889. Her mother died in 1891. Mrs. Warner's maternal grandparents were Willard and Hannah Packard, natives of New York and substantial farmers, who late in life went to Illinois and lived with their children. Mrs. Warner was one of the fourteen children, nine of whom are now living. They are by name, Marion, now Mrs. Latimer, Hannah, Mrs. Warner; Benjamin; Nancy, Mrs. V. D. Star; Rhoda, Mrs. W. S. Mulkins; Charles; Nettie, Mrs. A. Robinson; Julia, Mrs. William Ball and Lizzie, Mrs. J. Gorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner are the parents of two children: Nellie J., born November 20, 1864, and died January 6, 1882; Elizabeth A. born June 27, 1870, married Albert Jones, of Flint, October 10, 1888 and is the mother of one child—Verna M. born May 27, 1889.

WARREN BALCH. Among those who have been prominently identified with the business interests of Lapeer County, and who have helped forward in various ways the development of Dryden Township, we are pleased to name Mr. Balch, whose fine farm is to be seen on section 28, of this township. He was born in New Mandon, N. Y., October 26, 1826, and his father, Aaron Balch, a native of Vermont, was reared in New York, and there married our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Betsey Wilbur, also a New Yorker by birth.

The family came to Michigan in 1834 and made their home in Almont Township, this county, where the mother died in 1842, and the father after he had reached his seventy-seventh year. Their five children are Warren; Harris and Elizabeth, deceased; Jane, the widow of Mr. D. White; and Jerome, who resides in Arcade, Mich. Our subject was a little lad of eight years when he came to Michigan with his parents and he had already begun his school education which was afterward carried on in the district schools of Almont Township. At the age of eighteen he commenced working upon the farm receiving during his first year $9.50 per month, increasing from year to year to a monthly stipend of $11 and $12. In 1847, when he was twenty-one years old, he bought a tract of partially improved land in Almont Township.

The marriage of Warren Balch with Sarah Matilda Havens was solemnized November 5, 1852. She was a native of New York who had come with her parents to Michigan when a little girl. After marriage the young couple settled in Dryden Township, where our subject carried on a brick yard and threshing machine for some two years, after which he sold his farm and bought another on section 22, where he remained for ten years, after which he removed onto the place where he now resides. They have three daughters and one son, namely: C. Alice, the wife of the Rev. J. H. Thomas of Gratiot County, Mich.; Frederick V.; Louisa Adell, wife of Edwin Merritt; Florence E.

The three hundred and eight acres of land in the possession of our subject in Dryden Township, forms a fine estate and he has besides this one hundred and twenty acres in Tuscola Township. The home farm is mostly under cultivation and upon it he is doing general farming. He was at one time engaged in the lumber business, shipping to Detroit and he also owned a sawmill in Dryden and one in Oakland County. Upon his farm he

has two good grade horses and he has been the largest tax payer in the township. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations but is not tied by party leaders, as he makes it a point of voting for the best man for office.

Mr. Balch was for three years Highway Commissioner and for the same length of time School Director, and at various times has been identified with the orders of Masonry, the Patrons of Industry and that of the Grange. He is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church at Dryden Center in which he has also been Trustee, one of the Judiciary Committee and a Class-Leader. He has ever been a liberal contributor to church purposes and a worker in its ranks. He gave $150 to build the Dryden Center Church and $100 to the college at Adrian, and has always sustained by his influence and means all educational and religious movements.

FRANK T. HADLEY. The farming interests of Hadley Township, Lapeer County, are well represented by a class of men whose character, influence and ability are such as to raise them above the level of the ordinary farmer and to give them a standing both in business and agricultural circles. He whose name heads this paragraph has his fine estate on section 2, Hadley Township, and was born in Rosendale, Fond du Lac County, Wis., June 11, 1851. He is the third in a family of five children born to Stephen and Mahala (Moore) Hadley. The father was born in New York in 1818, and there lived for some years before removing to Wisconsin. The mother had her nativity in New Hampshire and her early training in Vermont, but was in New York at the time of her marriage.

This worthy couple emigrated to Wisconsin in 1850, and there lived for twenty-four years, after which they came to Lapeer County, where the father died in 1875. Their son, Frank, married Emogene Moore, daughter of Benjamin F. and Hannah (Martling) Moore, of Lapeer. Two children have blessed this union—Benjamin F. and Florence. Our subject now resides upon the farm inherited by his wife in 1882, and it is a beautiful tract of one hundred and sixty acres, showing in its well-kept arrangement and prosperous condition that it is under the hand of a systematic and thorough-going agriculturist.

In his youth our subject remained upon the farm until he had reached the age of sixteen years, after which he determined to give himself better educational advantages and began attending school again, continuing his studies until he reached the age of eighteen, when he met with a serious accident, by which he lost his left arm. He afterward resumed his studies at Beloit, Wis., where he continued for a year and a half and then entered the Northwestern Business College at Oshkosh, whence he graduated in 1873.

After completing his studies Frank Hadley kept books for Tomlinson, Waterbury & Co., in Lapeer for two years and then became bookkeeper for Morton & Hamlin's machine shops in St. Clare. Here he continued for something like three years, and then was a year and a half with Canada & Waycutt, at Romeo, after which he returned to Lapeer County and engaged in farming, which business he has since followed successfully. He and his wife are both active and interested members of the Baptist Church at Hadley, and among the social orders he has chosen the Knights of the Maccabees as most congenial to him. His political views have led him to ally himself to the Republican party, and in its principles and policy he believes will be found the true solution of the problems which are agitating the minds of the people of our nation.

OSCAR I. MUDGE, one of the best farmers of Elba Township, Lapeer County, was born near Farmersville, N. Y., in 1834, being the seventh in a family of eight children. The brothers and sisters of this family are: Westel W., now a resident of Genesee County; Alvira, who became the wife of Jehial Powellson, now de-

ceased; Laura, who first married William Vowell, and after his death became the wife of Israel S. Bird, of Oakland County, this State; Polly, who died in childhood; Sarah, wife of Archibald Stevens, of Oakland County; Orpha, wife of John Bird, of Oakland County; our subject; Elizabeth, who married James E. Smith, of Oakland County, and died leaving no children.

The parents of this family were Harvey and Elizabeth (Eaton) Mudge, and were both natives of New York, where they were born July 30, 1796, and April 29, 1802, respectively. Harvey Mudge was descended from English parents, two brothers having come to America in the early Colonial days. His father was in the Revolutionary War and fought all through that period of conflict. He of whom we write came to Michigan when but one year old and settled in Oakland County, where he grew to mature years and was, in 1857, united in marriage with Sarah J., daughter of Thomas S. Bird. In 1863 they moved into Elba Township, this county, and settled on section 34, where he developed and cultivated a splendid farm of one hundred and fifteen acres.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mudge have been born five children, only one of whom reached years of maturity: Elizabeth died September 8, 1855; Harvey, August 31, 1879. Ada B. is the wife of Fred H. Burr; she is the mother of three children—Sarah J., Norah B. and Nellie H. The political views which are endorsed by Mr. Mudge are in harmony with the declarations of the Republican party, and his thorough application to business has made him respected throughout the township.

HIRAM W. GOODWIN, a retired farmer, who makes his home on section 26, Clayton Township, Genesee County, located on the farm where he now resides thirty-six years ago, having been in the State forty-four years, as he settled first in Bristol settlement, four miles from Flint. He was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., in 1822, on the 18th of August, and is a son of John and Lucy (McIntyre) Goodwin. They came to Michigan in 1848, and lived with this son until their death. Of their five children, he is now the only one living.

John Goodwin's father, William, came from the North of Ireland and settled in Vermont, becoming there a farmer and eventually a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Jesse McIntyre, the maternal grandfather of our subject, married Miss Lamb, a native of Massachusetts, and he was the son of Jesse McIntyre, Sr., who was a Captain in the English navy.

The father of our subject was a Republican in his politics and a man of prominence and a Class-Leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Hiram Goodwin was reared and educated in Western New York upon a farm, and remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, after which he went out to work among neighboring farmers, and continued thus for four years. She who became his bride in 1847 bore the maiden name of Hannah Morey. After marriage they came to this county, settling at Flint, where they bought a farm and lived for six years. Upon selling that they came to the section where they now reside, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of wild land, and there built a small frame house. They afterward added forty acres and improved the farm and house so that they now have a handsome estate.

Mrs. Hannah Goodwin died in 1855, leaving one child, Edwin J. This son has held the office of Township Clerk and is a stanch Republican and also a member of the Masonic order at Flint, and of the Odd Fellows. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is one of its Board of Trustees. He lives on the old homestead and takes charge of the farm. The second marriage of our subject united him with Mrs. Mary Hagerdon, who died February 12, 1881.

Mr. Goodwin has held the office of Supervisor of the Poor. He is a Republican in his politics. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. When he first came hither his market town was Flint, and he found it necessary to make roads by chopping out the trees on these untrodden paths. He has cleared some two hundred acres of land

and has seen rough times in pioneer life. The deer in those days passed by his house and he often treated his family to venison, and even helped to kill one bear. He is highly esteemed by his neighbors and is considered one of the leading citizens of the township.

JOHN L. JENNINGS, the ex-Supervisor of Mundy Township, Genesee County, is a son of Abram M. and Emily (Layton) Jennings, early settlers in Shiawassee County, who came to Michigan from New York in 1836. The father passed from earth in Shiawassee County and the mother died at the home of our subject March 19, 1879. He had tenderly cared for her in her declining years and during the last fifty years of her life she had been totally blind. Of their seven children this son is the youngest.

John L. Jennings was born in Venice Township, Shiawassee County, this State, April 1, 1842, and he was bereaved of a father's care at the age of six years. He remained at home for ten years longer, and his first work away from home was in Mundy Township. Three years later he bought a tract of forty acres of land, where he now lives, and began independent farming. Here he cleared and improved the land and erected a good set of buildings, and he has added to the property from time to time until he now owns one hundred acres, upon which he continues to bestow that degree of labor and management which brings a farm into a productive condition.

Our subject married Miss Harriet E. Dibble, daughter of the late Samuel and Juliza (Hill) Dibble, who were among the first settlers of Mundy Township. Mr and Mrs. Dibble were married in Mundy Township in 1840, and here reared to maturity four children, of whom Mrs. Jennings is the eldest. She was born in Mundy Township, December 11, 1842. Here her parents made their home through the remainder of their lives. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jennings took place April 16, 1862, and they became the parents of four children - Julia D., who is the wife of Charles S. Countryman; Henry M., who married Miss Grace V. Hall; Emma J. and John D.

Mr. Jennings was Supervisor of Mundy Township nine consecutive years, being Chairman of the board for part of that time. He also filled the offices of Township Treasurer, Highway Commissioner and School Director, and has ever taken an active part in political affairs, being a stanch Republican in his sympathies and views. The Jennings family is of English descent, and this representative is a man of excellent capabilities and sterling character. His life has been such as to merit and secure not only the good will, but also the high esteem of his neighbors.

JAMES HEAL, who is one of the Englishmen of Davison Township, Genesee County, has made an eminent success of his efforts since coming to this country, and is most highly esteemed by his neighbors for integrity and character. He was born in Devonshire, England, September 4, 1834 and came to America in the spring of 1872 migrating at once to Davison Township which has been his home ever since he reached this country.

Mr. Heal's life work has been upon the farm from early boyhood and he began work at the age of ten, for eight cents a week; and was never at home with his parents with the exception of two weeks from that time on. He continued to work for wages until his marriage which took place in March, 1855, his bride being Grace Isaac, who is also a native of England. After his marriage our subject continued in farm work for a while besides doing some other work. Only twenty-five acres of the eighty which he purchased in 1875 had been at all cleared of timber and it is all situated on section 18, Davison Township. He has since added to it until his farm now contains three hundred and sixty acres.

The four children who have come to cheer the the home of our subject are Henry T., Mary J., (deceased), Grace N. and Matilda. The political views

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which he considers most worthy of the endorsement of the thoughtful citizens of his adopted country are those which are brought forward in the platform of the Republican party. Mr. Heal has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-six years and is now its Steward and Trustee. His parents, John and Jane (Harris) Heal are both living and are natives of England. He has tried raising Short-horn and Devonshire cattle and has been successful therein. There is no one in the township who has a better standing among his neighbors than this foreign-born American citizen.

HON. ALMON A. THOMPSON, M. D., A. B., A. M. This most eminent physician and surgeon in Flint, is a man whose prominence is not alone resting upon his professional skill, but upon his ability and intellectuality in other directions. Like so many of our able men he is a native of the New England States and was born in Richmond, Chittenden County, Vt., March 26, 1829. He is a son of Uriah and Roxana (Joyner) Thompson, the former a native of Waterbury, Vt., and the latter of Jericho, the same State. Our subject's paternal grandfather was Benoni Thompson, a farmer near Richmond, Va., who served in the War of 1812. The family comes of English descent. In 1840 Uriah Thompson removed his family to Ohio, going thither by way of the Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence by steamer to Cleveland and then across the country to Avon, Loram County. He there improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land.

In 1854 Uriah Thompson purchased a farm near Oberlin and for the remainder of his life was most actively connected with that historic college town. He became a Trustee of the college, serving in that capacity from 1848 until 1876, and for some time had charge of the endowment fund. His death occurred in September, 1890, at the age of eighty-six years. He was a Republican in his politics and in his church relations a Congregationalist. Our subject's mother died in her native State, at Eden, in 1840. His father married twice thereafter.

Our subject was the eldest of four children born of his father's marriage with his first wife, others being Albert, Everett and Melvin. Albert is a distinguished physician and is now located at Colton, Cal.; Everett died in Oberlin at the age of eighteen years; Melvin is a dealer in coal and wood and a contractor at Oberlin. Our subject was reared to manhood in Vermont and Ohio. He attended the primitive school and helped to clear his father's farm, remaining at home until he was eighteen years of age, when he entered Oberlin College, graduating in 1851 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He pursued a post-graduate course and two years later added the seal of Master of Arts to his diploma. It had been his desire to study medicine and during his last year at Oberlin he read under Dr. N. S. Townsend, ex-member of Congress, and in the fall of 1854 entered the University of Michigan, where he took a two years' course in medicine and received his degree as M. D. March 27, 1856.

While at Oberlin our subject was connected socially with the Fratres Phi Delta, now the Phi Kappa Phi. The same year after graduating he located at Middleburg, Ohio, for the practice of his profession, remaining there but eighteen months, when he went to Olivet and was teacher of anatomy, physiology, chemistry and natural philosophy for two years in the college. In 1859 he located in Vermontville, where he was associated with Prof. Kedzie in the medical work. In 1862 both gentlemen went into the army and our subject was commissioned by the Government as Assistant Surgeon of the Twelfth Michigan Infantry. He remained with that regiment for six months, but after the battle of Middleburg was taken sick with typhoid fever, and resigning January 28, 1862, came home. In December of that year he became Assistant Surgeon of the Eleventh Michigan Cavalry, remaining with it until the close of the war. He was commissioned as First Lieutenant and was mustered out at Jackson, Mich., in August, 1865.

In 1869 Dr. Thompson was elected to the State Legislature from the west half of Eaton County, Mich., and served during the session of 1870 at

the end of which time he was appointed United States Consul at Goderich, Canada, under President U. S. Grant. In October, 1878, he went to the Long Island College Hospital and later located at Flint, practicing alone in this city until 1884, when he formed a partnership with G. V. Chamberlin. Dr. Thompson has always enjoyed a most extensive and lucrative practice, indeed the demands upon his time have been so exacting as to impair his health. During the last year he traveled quite extensively through the South and visited most of the Western States, returning to his work rested and recuperated.

Our subject was married in Ashtabula, Ohio, in October, 1854, his bride being Louisa J. Savage, a daughter of Capt. Savage. She was educated at Oberlin College. Her decease occurred in Vermontville, in 1860. In August of the following year he was married to Harriet P. Martin, a lady of culture, who was educated at Olivet College. Our subject has served in many noble enterprises that we cannot enumerate in these pages. He was President of the Opera House Company and is still a Director. In 1885, when the city passed through the smallpox ordeal, he served as City Physician. He is President of the Flint Board of Pension Examiners. Socially he is a demitted Mason and in their church relations he and his wife are Episcopalians. Naturally he is associated with all the medical societies of repute, both local and otherwise.

A portrait of the Doctor accompanies this sketch.

MRS. GEORGE N. TURRILL is a resident of Lapeer, and highly regarded among the matrons of that thrifty and beautiful city. She was born in Columbia County, N. Y., May 4, 1838. Her father, Norman Vosburgh, was also a native of that place, and a farmer by occupation. He married Phebe Langdon, who is the mother of Mrs. Turrill. After their marriage they located in their native State, and there remained until about 1855, when they came to Lapeer County, this State, and took up a farm in Arcadia Township, which comprised forty acres of land. Our subject's father died in that place at the age of sixty-two years; the mother passed away when fifty-eight years of age. Her paternal grandsire, Jacob Vosburgh, served in the Revolutionary War, and her maternal grandsire, John Langdon, was of English parentage.

Mrs. Turrill is the third child, and the oldest one now living of six children born to her parents. There were four daughters and two sons. She received her education in her native place at Oxford Academy, and remained at home until her marriage, which took place November 12, 1862, to George Noble Turrill, a native of Vermont, who was born June 26, 1833. He came to Michigan with his father, James Turrill, when but nine years old, and grew to manhood in this vicinity. He received his education in Lapeer City, and became one of the prominent men of the county. He was a large and influential farmer, and at one time was engaged in the drug and jewelry business in Lapeer, at the same time carrying on his agricultural interests.

Mr. Turrill was well known throughout the county as an honest business man and very liberal in his recognition of a worthy cause. He was a stanch Republican in his political affiliations, and at one time served as city Alderman. He was also President of the School Board for many years. He died December 17, 1888, and his loss was felt not only by his immediate family, but by the public with whom and for whom he worked in mutual interest. Mr. Turrill's father, James Turrill, was born in Shoreham, Addison County, Vt., September 24, 1797. He left his father's farm at the age of twenty-one, and engaged in general merchandising in his native town, and also in Bridgeport, of the same county.

Mr. Turrill pursued his mercantile interests in the two places with gratifying result until 1836, when he came to Michigan and invested extensively in lands at and near Lapeer. Returning to Vermont, he continued his business until 1842, when he brought his family to Michigan. The family comprised his wife and eight children, three being sons and five daughters. On locating here he turned his attention to mercantile affairs,

but dealt largely in real estate at the same time. Success attended his efforts and after a lapse of thirteen years, he retired from active business.

Our subject at one time was one of the banking firm of R. G. Hart & Co., and was also one of the Directors of the Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railroad, being instrumental in securing an extension of the road from Port Huron to Flint. He was several times elected to the office of Trustee, and was afterward President of the village of Lapeer and was the first Mayor on its being incorporated as a city. He was also elected to the House of Representatives of the State Legislature in the fall of 1848. He was a man of strict integrity and gave with a free hand to the poor and needy. His death occurred July 31, 1876.

Mrs. Turrill has been the mother of five children, three daughters and two sons—Emma Belle, Carrie, Nettie May, Charles A. and James J. Carrie, Nettie and Charles are deceased. The other two children live at home with their mother. She makes her home on the old homestead in the city of Lapeer, and here enjoys the comforts of life and a consciousness of well doing.

IRA D. WRIGHT. The gentleman whose biography we take pleasure in here presenting, has passed the octogenarian milepost in his life journey and is one of the venerable and honest citizens of this district and a man whose natural geniality and openness of heart have commended him to all who enjoy human nature pure and simple. Mr. Wright was born in Washington Township, Cheshire County, N. H., August 3, 1808. In 1815 his parents removed to Genesee County, N. Y., where he was reared to manhood in the town of Bethany. His father was a tanner and currier by trade and he of whom we write learned the business of him, and pursued it in connection with farming. Our subject's parents were William and Lydia (Kent) Wright, both natives of Massachusetts, their decease occurring in the Empire State.

Ira D. Wright continued to live in Genesee County, N. Y., until 1834, when he came to Genesee County, Mich., and purchased four hundred acres of land in company with Stage, Wright, Stevens & Clifford, and this syndicate were the original platters of the eastern part of the then village of Flint. They built the first dam, which was owned by Mr. Hamilton, and also the first sawmill. In October, 1835, Messrs. Stage & Wright engaged in the mercantile business, which they carried on at Grand Blanc until they could build in Flint. Their building was completed in June, 1836, and they continued to carry on business there for two and a half years, at the end of which time they sold out and our subject engaged in lumbering and building in company with Messrs. Payne, Stage & Munson and he was engaged in this business for six or eight years afterward on his own account, and in company with others he purchased and sold a large amount of wild farming land and also village lots. He also located a large amount of pine land for others, and for three years held the office of Deputy United States Timber Agent, and during this time entered fifty thousand acres of pine lands for one firm.

Mr. Wright settled on the farm where he now lives, which is located on section 9, Smith's Reservation, Flint Township, Genesee County, and has since been a resident of this place. Although advanced in years he is still active and full of vigor. He has a pleasant residence, where is dispensed an old-time hospitality for the whole-heartedness of the genial host.

Mr. Wright was married in Oakland County, Mich., to Miss Marietta Ingersoll, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Todd) Ingersoll, who was born in Pembroke, Genesee County, N. Y., December 16, 1823. Their nuptials were solemnized March 22, 1842. They have been the parents of four children, two of whom died very young. Those surviving are Etta and W. Melvin. Our subject has held various local offices. He has been Highway Commissioner and laid out the first road in the township and county. He has also been Deputy United States Marshal. He is a Democrat in politics, his first vote having been cast for Andrew Jackson. The advancement of the interest of churches and educational institutions has always

been freely contributed to by him. There were only four families of white people in Flint when he came here and with these he was an ardent worker in everything that tended to the advancement of the little settlement. He is a member of the State Pioneer Association and is one whose stories of pioneer life and experience are full of interest. Mrs. Wright departed this life October 27, 1891, and is mourned by many friends and acquaintances who look upon the vacancy caused by her death as irreparable.

JAMES S. FARRAR. This hard-working and persevering farmer, whose well-cultivated farm is to be seen on section 22, Watertown Township, Tuscola County, was born March 4, 1834, in Monroe County, N. Y., and is a son of William Farrar, who was born in New Hampshire in 1794. The grandfather, Daniel Farrar, was a Revolutionary soldier and a native of Massachusetts.

William Farrar was reared in New Hampshire and was there married to Betsey Whittemore, a native of Massachusetts, and to them were born ten sons and four daughters. Mr. Farrar went to New York at an early day and was there a clothier and afterward a farmer. He came to Michigan in 1837, and located land, one hundred and twenty acres, in Hadley Township, Lapeer County. Here he lived and died, passing away in 1870 and his wife who survived him was called from earth on December 1, 1881.

Our subject came to Lapeer County, Mich., at the age of three years, and there had his early education and training and was married in Oakland County November 16, 1856, to Sarah E. Parker, a native of Brandon Township, Oakland County, and to her were born two children, Alice E. and Thomas H. The former was born November 25, 1858, and became the wife of Andrew Kinney, of Waterford Township, November 24, 1878. Thomas was born May 3, 1869, in Hadley Township, Lapeer County, and has remained with his parents up to the present although he was married on November 19, 1889. His bride was Orpha O., daughter of John and Mary C. Kinney, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this book.

Mr. James Farrar came to Tuscola County in 1878 and bought forty acres of land, to which he has added and he now owns one hundred acres, most of which he has cleared, but retains eight acres in timber. He has placed upon his property an excellent set of farm buildings and carries on general farming. The Methodist Church is the religious body with which he and his wife are associated, and he and his son are both earnest and stanch Republicans, and he is proud to say that he cast his first ballot for John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate.

Mr. Farrar joined the Union army in August, 1862, becoming a private in Company K, Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and being discharged April 27, 1863. He was in many skirmishes and took part in the pursuit of the Morgan raiders. He enlisted as a private but was appointed clerk of the company, but being taken sick at the time he never filled the position. He was taken to Nashville hospital No. 6, and continued sick until his discharge which was granted at Quincy, Ill., April 27, 1863. He now draws a pension of $12 per month.

LEWIS WILCOX, one of the enterprising merchants of Mayville, Tuscola County, has been in this part of Michigan since 1854, although he did not come to Mayville until some four years ago. He was born in 1827 in Jefferson County, N. Y., and is a son of John and Jerusha Wilcox, the father being a native of New York and his parents were among the very first settlers of Point Peninsula. His boyhood days were spent upon the farm in that new country, and he continued farming until his marriage, which occurred in 1821, his bride being Jerusha Merrill.

Mr. Wilcox was the eldest of four children and he early learned the shipbuilding trade and followed that until his death which resulted from that dire disease, small pox. At the early age of

nine years Lewis Wilcox began to support himself and worked upon a farm until he had reached the age of eighteen at which time he went into a ship yard and followed the ship carpenter's trade, which had been his father's calling until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-five years of age.

The wife of the gentleman of whom we write bore the maiden name of Mary Bannister, the daughter of Isaac and Mary Bannister. To their happy home came two children, Mary A. and James L., and the son is now a member of the firm of Wilcox & Son. The mother of this son and daughter departed this life in 1888.

During the time that Mr. Wilcox was working at his trade he was located at various points on the great lakes, but most of his time after his marriage was spent in Chicago. Lapeer County, this State, became his home in 1851 and there he carried on a farm until 1887, when he came to Mayville and established his business of merchandising which he is now carrying on successfully, being one of the prominent business men of his town.

MRS. SARAH A. NEWELL, who died November 16, 1891, was the widow of the late Lieut. Newell, known throughout Michigan as State Land Commissioner and who was prominent in many movements in Genesee County. She was born in Genesee County, N. Y., September 16, 1838 and was a daughter of Col. John Webb. Her grandfather, John Sr., was an early settler of Pembroke in that county and served in the War of 1812.

John Webb, Jr., was a Colonel in the New York State Militia and was prominent in military affairs, besides being a county official and the most extensive farmer in Pembroke. He was a Whig in political connection and a strong Abolitionist. His church connection was with the Presbyterians. His wife, Anna Anderson, a native of Massachusetts, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and the daughter of James Anderson who was a native of the old Bay State and became a farmer in New York. She lost her husband by death when he was fifty-seven years old and she lived to be seventy-six. Sarah Webb was the youngest of five children, and had excellent educational advantages during her youth in Pembroke. She was married in Batavia, N. Y., May 12, 1875 and had two daughters, Anna G. and Mary E. She now resides at No. 843 Detroit Street, Flint, and has her farm in the hands of a tenant.

Minor S. Newell was born in Bennington, Genesee County, N. Y., July 30, 1823. His parents John and Chloe Newell died when he was a little lad and he remained in his native home until he reached the age of nineteen. In 1843 he came to Michigan and located in Flushing where he found employment until December 18, 1847 when he enlisted for service in the Mexican War as a private in Company K, First Michigan Infantry. His honorable discharge was granted him July 28, 1848, after which he returned to Flushing. The battles in which he has fought were Cherubusco, Chepultupec, San Pacual, Tobasco, Vera Cruz, Palo Alto, Buena Vista and Cerro Gordo. At Flushing he engaged in real estate, farming and milling, until the breaking out of the Civil War, at which time he was serving as Postmaster and Justice of the Peace.

At the first tap of the drum this Mexican veteran raised a company of men of whom he was made First Lieutenant and which became a part of the Sixteenth Michigan Infantry., All through his term of service he was connected with the Quartermaster's Department and was mustered out at Petersburg, Va., in September, 1864. His health was much impaired by his first term of military service in Mexico, notwithstanding which he insisted on entering the army the second time. After his return to Flushing he located on a farm of ninety-seven acres on the north side of Flint River in Mt. Morris Township, and there he had great success in tilling the soil. His popularity brought him into many places of prominence and he was Supervisor of Mt. Morris for three terms. During the last five years of his life he made his home in Flint and died November 27, 1889.

In 1882 Mr. Newell was elected State Land

Commissioner and two years later was re-elected. In 1886 he was named as a candidate for Governor of the State but on account of ill health he could not attend the convention nor push the canvass and the consequence was the election of Gov. Luce. After that his health failed rapidly and he gave up all outside business and made himself a home in Flint. He was an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a strong Republican in politics. He was well-known at all county and State conventions where his ability and character made him an influential man.

DWIGHT B. SOPER. Among the industries of importance that are successfully carried on in Flint is the manufacturing establishment of our subject whose factory is located on Thread River opposite the Thread Mills, this city. He here gives employment to thirty or forty men the year 'round and has a capacity for turning out from three hundred to three hundred and fifty pork, flour and fruit barrels per day, including the manufacture of all staves and heading for pork barrels and heading for flour barrels in which twelve to fifteen hundred cords of oak and basswood timber are consumed yearly, all of which is purchased from farmers in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Soper first commenced business in this city nine years ago when he succeeded A. Braford who was conducting the same business on a small scale. From time to time its present proprietor has enlarged the facilities for work and has managed it so successfully that it is now one of the thoroughly well established business houses of the town. When first starting he was in company with his father and the firm was known as that of O. Soper & Son and was carried on in this way for about eighteen months when the name was changed to D. B. Soper & Co., and finally to the Soper Manufacturing Company the company comprising J. P. Burroughs and H. H. Pierson besides our subject. About three years ago the Soper Manufacturing Company bought out the D. B. Soper & Co., the last mentioned company comprising D. B. Soper, Orrin Soper, J. P. Burroughs and J. E. Burroughs.

Our subject is the manager of the above named firm, the capital employed being about $20,000. The buildings they occupy are owned by the Thread Flouring Mills Company. Mr. Soper was born in Flint, September 2, 1855, he is the son of Orrin and Julia A. (Birch) Soper, the father having come here from Orleans County, N. Y., in 1855. In 1856 he engaged in farming and coopering on his farm four miles north of Flint. He now lives on his farm and has followed farming exclusively for the last fourteen years.

D. B. Soper was educated in the district school, He learned his trade of his father, but first occupied himself with farming. On reaching manhood he was married September 21, 1876 to Miss Blanche A. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Johnston of Mt. Morris Township. In 1879 he removed one and one-half miles south of the city on a farm where he remained until coming here in 1882 to engage with his father in the manufacturing business and bringing to the work a great deal of determination, perseverance and tact.

Mr. Soper is the father of three children, Maude M., Florence D., and Vernie B. He and his wife and daughters are enthusiastic members of the Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially Mr. Soper is a member of all the branches of the Independent order of Odd Fellows including the Patriarch Militant or Uniformed Rank, the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees of this city, in all of which he is a worker and has held honored and trusted positions.

DANIEL H. SEELEY resides on section 3, Genesee Township, Genesee County. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn., April 13, 1805, and is a son of Lewis Seeley, also a native of Connecticut, who was a shoemaker by trade and a farmer by calling. He removed at an early day, in fact, one year subsequent to our subject's birth, to Saratoga County, N. Y., and there bought a farm. In 1818

he removed to Orleans County, and thence to Monroe County, where he was engaged in farming until he came to Michigan, in 1886.

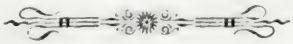
Our subject located at once in Oakland County, coming hither by way of Canada by team and settling in 1837, locating in what is now the city of Flint, but which at that time contained only ten families and seven buildings. There were plenty of Indians, however, and it was not so unusual to see as many as four hundred braves with their families pass the home. After removing to Genesee Township our subject's father died, in 1841. The mother of the family was Anna Beardsley, a native of Connecticut. She died at the age of eighty-nine years. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood, although only three sons now survive. They are Daniel H., Orin and Fayette.

Mr. Seeley is the fifth child and second son of his parents' family. He was taken to New York when but a year old. He remained with his father until thirteen years of age and then was engaged as a farm laborer, working for $7 per month. When seventeen years of age he began to learn the tailor's trade under Mr. Milling. After remaining with him a short time he went to Salt Point and there worked at his trade, but was discharged because of his adherence to temperance principles. He then went to Onondaga Hill and there worked at his trade.

Mr. Daniel Seeley was married in the village of Brockport, Monroe County, N. Y., September 2, 1829. His bride was Julia A., the second daughter of John F. and Sarah (Smith) Taylor. She was born in the village of Pittsford, N. Y., February 22, 1811, and was reared in her native place. Our subject and his bride at once settled in Brockport, N. Y., and there he followed his trade. He purchased a farm about five miles out from Brockport, but not long after removed to Orleans County, and thence came to Michigan, in 1835, settling in Pontiac. He left his wife in Holly. He there engaged in the merchant tailor business with Mr. Judson and in the spring of 1836 brought his wife to the West and settled in Flint, where he built the eighth house that was erected in the city. He also built a shop and a store, the latter being the second business place in the city. The first court held there convened in his shop and also the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the county.

Our subject remained in Flint until 1843 and then removed to the place where he now resides. There was a log shanty on the place and a few improvements had been made, but he was obliged to cut the road to his house before lumber could be hauled to the place. Wild animals were many and had to be guarded against. During this time our subject and his wife had become the parents of seven children, whose names are Burton B., Bertha J., Daniel Lewis, Frances, Marvin L., Frank T. and Theron V. Burton was born and died in New York; Frances was born in Flint in 1836 and is the widow of S. A. Burrough; she resides in Mt. Morris; Frank resides in Iowa.

Mr. Seeley has a fine place of three hundred and twenty acres, which he has cultivated and improved to the highest possible degree. Politically he holds to Democratic principles. He has been Township Treasurer and also Justice of the Peace.



MARVIN C. BARNEY. This gentleman of standing and intelligence whose war record is one of the most interesting in Genesee County, has at Flint one of the largest granite and marble works in the State. He was born in Atlas Township, this county, August 14, 1843, and is a son of Daniel and a grandson of Reuben Barney. The latter was captured by the British during the War of 1812 and died in New York. At the age of nineteen, Daniel Barney came to Michigan and in 1836 settled in Atlas, now Davison Township, where he carried on contracting and building, but in 1863 removed to East Saginaw, where he carried on business until 1870, when he came to Flint. Subsequently he lived for some time in Goodrich and Petoskey and then returned to Flint, where he is now engaged in contracting and building. He is active in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was

formerly a Republican but is now working for the Prohibition movement.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mariett Cummings and was born near Clarence Hollow, Erie County, N. Y., and died in Atlas Township in 1876. Of her six children four are now living. This son received his education in the district schools of Davison Township and Goodrich until he began work at the age of twelve in the sash and blind factory and planing mill of his father. At the age of seventeen he entered the United States service, October 2, 1861, in Company C, Tenth Michigan Infantry, and the following spring was sent South, and took part in the battles of Shiloh, Farmington, Corinth, Boonville, Tuscumbia and Town Creek Bridge in Alabama. Being sent out on an expedition he discharged his duty and returned to Tuscumbia, twenty-five miles in the rain, and then back next day which exposure brought on a sickness which kept him in the hospital two weeks, but he returned in time to join his regiment on its march to Nashville. At Nashville they were surrounded by the rebels and were thus detained. For six months they were obliged to live on one meal a day of hard crackers and bacon, and at times they had nothing but what they gained by foraging.

In the spring of 1863 this body of troops forced its way out, and marching to Murfreesboro, took part in that battle after which they were at Bridgeport and Smith Ferry, and were without rations, except corn meal and pork, and were without salt, as at that time that necessary commodity was worth $5 a pint and $1 a teaspoonful. When within sixty-eight miles of Chattanooga they witnessed the battle of Lookout Mountain, seeing the flash, but not being near enough to near the report. They then undertook a severe march and reaching Knoxville, helped to raise that siege. The hardships of this march were terrible as their rations were reduced to a minimum and at one time consisting of one tablespoonful of beans to be cooked as they could, and many were barefooted and walked with bleeding feet. At Nashville, Tenn., our subject was detailed as Color Guard of the regiment and acted as such during the winter of 1863 and 1864, when they were encamped near Ringgold, Ga. On February 1, 1864, Mr. Barney re-enlisted as a veteran, having received the privilege of a thirty-days' furlough, but did not find himself able to avail himself of this indulgence as his regiment was just then ordered to make a charge on Buzzard's Roost. This they went into with a force of seven companies and with them five companies of Illinois troops and upon this little company was opened a fire by ten thousand infantry and eighteen pieces of artillery, and after the engagement one-third of their men were left upon the hill. They retreated up the mountain a half mile under this heavy fire and returned to Ringgold. After this he took his furlough of thirty days which he spent at home.

Upon returning to his regiment our subject was in the battle of Kenesaw Mountains and under fire every day until they reached Atlanta. His division held a strong position at Kenesaw Mountain and was in the battle of Jonesboro, where they buried seventeen of their company. He then joined the forces which took that wonderful march to the sea, living on the country as they went and so exhausted that when they stopped at night they would sink down and could scarcely rise again. They lived mostly on rice, which they threshed out from the bundles standing in the fields. After reaching Savannah they turned Northward and were in the three days' fight at Bentonville, where they fought like tigers. The rebels attacked them in the rear during this conflict and this was one of the most terrible battles in which our subject took part. Marching North they were in the battle of Goldsboro where Mr. Barney was prominent as the Color Sergeant and upon reaching Washington they took part in the Grand Review, after which they were sent to Louisville and finally to Jackson, Mich., where they were mustered out in July, 1865. At Jonesboro he was one of three, of the nine color guards, who came out of the battle in safety.

After his three years and ten months in the army this young man went to Saginaw and worked for a year in the sash and door planing mill, and then took the position as foreman for Tuttle at Saginaw, where he remained for a year and then married and settled upon a farm in Brandon Town-

Aaron Millard M.D.

ship, Oakland County. This fine tract of eighty acres he improved and added to it until he now has a farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres, upon which he kept fine stock, as he carried on considerable dealings in that business. He remained there until 1880 and then located in Flint and bought out H. Wilson, forming the firm of Wilson & Morton, marble works. After some changes in the firm he finally decided to carry it on alone, which he is now doing.

This business, which was established in 1880 in a small way, now occupies two lots on Saginaw Street and employs from twenty-five to thirty men, making a specialty of cemetery work. Their trade has now spread all over the State and has doubled in the last two years. Mr. Barney's beautiful farm is now run on shares, and he has a handsome home which cost $6,000, which is situated on the corner of Church and Eighth Streets. He was married in Brandon, Oakland County, to Miss Nettie Eaton, a native of that town and daughter of Clark and Emiline (Hannam) Eaton. Their children are Jessie, Daniel, Marion, Vernie and Clark. The oldest daughter is a graduate of the High School and a successful teacher, being employed in the deaf and dumb institute. While living in Brandon, Mr. Barney was Highway Commissioner and has had the nomination for Mayor of this city, and for Sheriff received over twelve hundred votes. He is a prominent man in the Prohibition party and is a delegate to County Conventions. He is a Trustee of the Baptist Church with which he is connected and where he has been a Deacon. He belongs to the Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of Crapo Post, G. A. R.

ORSON MILLARD, M. D. This well-known practicing physician and surgeon of Flint is a leading member of his profession and one of the oldest residents in the city. He was born in Utica, this State, October 27, 1845, and is a son of James Madison Millard, a native of New York, and son of Eleazer Millard whose father, Jedediah, was born on Christmas Day, 1752. The grandmother, who was born March 9, 1791, bore in maidenhood the name of Sallie Strong and was the mother of five children. Her husband Eleazer, removed to Oakland County, this State, in 1824 and took up new land in Avon Township. With his brother Nathaniel he built a number of woolen mills, grist mills and a pail factory, and lived in that township till his death at the age of seventy-six.

James M. Millard was a boy of fourteen when they came West; about the year 1875 he came to Genesee County after the death of his first wife, whose maiden name was Sallie H. Brown and who became Mrs. Millard in 1835. Her parents, Joel and Clarissa D. (Conger) Brown, were New Yorkers by birth and her father was one of the principal builders of locks on the Erie Canal. Both Mr. and Mrs. James Millard were earnest members of the Baptist Church and in his younger days Mr. Millard held many of the township and county offices.

Our subject lived with his uncle Alfred and received his mathematical education under his tuition afterwards studying with Prof. Allen at Rochester. Later he was for several years with Dr. Clark and in a drug store in Flint, reading medicine and getting a practical insight into the action of drugs. In 1867 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Michigan and there took his diploma in 1870.

The young Doctor at once located in this city to practice his profession and has ever made it his headquarters. Upon the 1st of May, 1872, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A., daughter of Thomas C. Gardner, D.D., of Flint. Dr. Millard is a member of the Local Medical Society, has been health officer for a number of years and belongs on the Board of Health. He is now physician at the Deaf and Dumb Institute. He has been Great Finance Auditor for the Knights of the Maccabees for ten years and helped to organize the Michigan branch of this order. Dr. and Mrs. Millard are members of the Episcopal Church as is also their daughter Kate E. Their family comprises this daughter and one son, T. Carl. Mrs. Millard's education was acquired in Ypsilanti and at Ann Arbor where at that time her father

was Presiding Elder and agent of the American Bible Society.

The Rev. Dr. T. C. Gardner is a native of Canandaigua, N. Y., born in 1824. He was educated at Lima College and married Mrs. Sarah V. (Mooney) Reed. Immediately after marriage they removed to Michigan, coming here in 1842. He was Presiding Elder of more than one conference. In 1872 he went into the Custom House at Port Huron but finally retired from active work and came to Flint, where he died in 1890. He lost his wife more than twenty years before at Ann Arbor. Dr. Millard has invented some valuable electrical works and also the gas machine which is known by his name and which is extensively used. President Millard Fillmore was a cousin of the family. The Doctor may well take pleasure in the fact that he is favorably mentioned by Dr. H. von Ziemssen in the sixteenth volume of his works as the first to use carbolic acid in the treatment of diabetes.

In connection with this personal sketch of Dr. Millard appears his lithographic portrait.

JOHN WILSON was born in Cambridgeshire, England, August 28, 1819, and is a son of William and Betsey (Moton) Wilson. His parents were both natives of the Mother Country, where before emigrating to America his father was engaged in farming. Our subject was reared upon a farm and early learned the duties of a farmer's lad, acquiring strength and sturdiness in the exercise in the open air. He was not given any educational advantages, being compelled to work from the time he was seven years old and his strength being taxed at that time to its utmost capacity.

After reaching manhood, being at the time twenty-eight years of age, Mr. Wilson came to America, stopping first at New Orleans and later at Vicksburg, Miss. He then proceeded to Wisconsin whence he went to Medina County, Ohio, and there resided four years. He afterward went to Wood County, the same State, and later came to Michigan in 1869 and located permanently in Tuscola County. He bought a place of one hundred and sixty acres, ten acres of which were improved. Since coming here he has built a house and barn; his residence makes a comfortable and attractive rural home, while the barn is well adapted for the shelter of stock and storage of grain.

Before coming to this country and while yet a citizen of England our subject was married at the age of twenty years to Margaret Seekings, who was born July 28, 1819. Her parents were Matthew and Elizabeth (Batingil) Seekings, who were born and lived in Cambridgeshire. Mrs. Seekings died at the present home of Mrs. Wilson in 1875 at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have never had any children. Since coming to this country and particularly since locating in Tuscola County, he has been successful to a gratifying degree and now with the aid of hired help keeps his place in a fine condition. Politically he is a Republican, having always voted that ticket since the organization of the party. In their religious preference he and his wife are members of the Church of England. Mr. Wilson breeds only graded stock, having fine horses, hogs and sheep. He is particularly interested in the educational advancement of the country and seeks in every instance to give his recognition and help to all measures that promise to be for the interest of the locality in which he lives.

The attention of the reader is invited to a view of the homestead of Mr. Wilson, which appears in another portion of this volume.

DAVID FOOTE, one of the prominent old settlers of Flint who came hither in 1840, and is now a retired citizen of this city, is a son of David Foote, Sr., who did much pioneer work on the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers, and in 1797 removed to Tompkins County, N. Y., where he improved a farm, and where our subject was born. Later he removed to Greenwood, Steuben County, N. Y., and in 1839 came West, settling at Nauvoo, Ill., where he died August 22, 1845.

The mother, who was an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, followed him to the other world March 6, 1846. They were the parents of twelve children, eight daughters and four sons, and two of the sons besides our subject are still living.

We clip the following from the genealogy of the Foote family: Some twenty miles above the mouth of the Connecticut River, stands the ancient town of Weathersfield, the oldest of those beautiful villages which adorn the Connecticut Valley. To this spot, then known as Pyquay, the Colonists of Massachusetts turned their steps when seeking a resting place. Among those whose names appear in the old burying ground, is that of Nathaniel Foote, who was one of the first settlers of Weatherfield. He was not one of those whom the world calls great, because called by some great emergency into a position of power and influence, but he was one of that band who walked along the path of common life, performing every duty, public or private, in the spirit of helpfulness to their fellow-men.

It is upon such men that the peace, stability and progress of the country depend. From the quiet farming class to which this good man belonged, have the cities ever drawn their chief strength and ability;—for the pure air, the healthful toil, the constant call for serious thought and reflection, the study of God's laws as unfolded in the circuit of the season, the growth of the seed and the ripening of the harvest, the better home-training of children,—all these conspired to make the agricultural population of Connecticut an element of conservation much needed in the young Commonwealth.

It is the boast of Connecticut, and of Weathersfield in particular, to have had from the beginning a large proportion of intelligent, industrious and pious farmers, from whom the ranks of her merchants, mechanics, seamen and professional men have been replenished, and thus has she secured her reputation as "The Land of Steady Habits." Nathaniel Foote was such a man and was born in England, and there was married to Elizabeth Denning. They settled in the Bay Colony in Massachusetts prior to 1633, and from them the genealogic line is traced as follows: Robert, Nathaniel, Moses, Ebenezer, David, and David Jr. (our subject).

He of whom we write was born in Tompkins County, N. Y, August 24, 1812, and his father was born in Connecticut, August 7, 1769. The grandfather, Ebenezer, died while serving in the Revolutionary War in June, 1778, at which time the elder David, was only nine years old. After this he went to live with his uncle, Jonathan Barker, at New Lebanon, N. H., where he grew to manhood, and afterwards removed to Broome County, N. Y., where he was married in 1791. His bride, Irene Lane, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., November 2, 1774, and was a daughter of Nathan and Dorcas (Muscroft) Lane.

Our subject had his early training upon the farm and in the log schoolhouse, but at the age of fourteen he began an apprenticeship of seven years to the cabinet maker's trade. In the fall of 1832 he began work as a journeyman at Bath, the county seat of Steuben County, N. Y., and was there married November 27, 1833, to Miss Mary Bidwell, a native of that place, and a daughter of Eli Bidwell, a blacksmith. For four years the young couple resided at Greenwood, N. Y., and in the fall of 1837 removed to Ohio, but the following year came on to Michigan and lived in Ypsilanti, until September, 1840, when he established business in Flint, being the second cabinet-maker here, and for many years carrying on the largest business in this line. He had the misfortune of losing his first shop by fire in 1854, and for a few years he carried on a drug business.

About this time Mr. Foote engaged with W. R. Morse in the manufacture of doors and blinds, and during the partnership Mr. Morse went into the army and sold his interest to Mr. Beardslee, with which our subject continued business until 1866. He then devoted himself to mill-wrighting, and built sawmills at Saginaw, Otisville and other points.

The faithful and beloved wife of our subject lived to celebrate with him their golden wedding in 1883, and seven months from that time, passed to the better world. Their nine children are: Helen B., deceased; Charles L., deceased; George H., deceased; David Burns, who enlisted in the

Eighth Michigan Infantry and was shot dead through the head at Port Royal, S. C.; Warren C., a photographer in Flint; Mary E., Mrs. Munn, of Ann Arbor; Albert, of this city; William H., also a photographer here, and Andrew H., deceased.

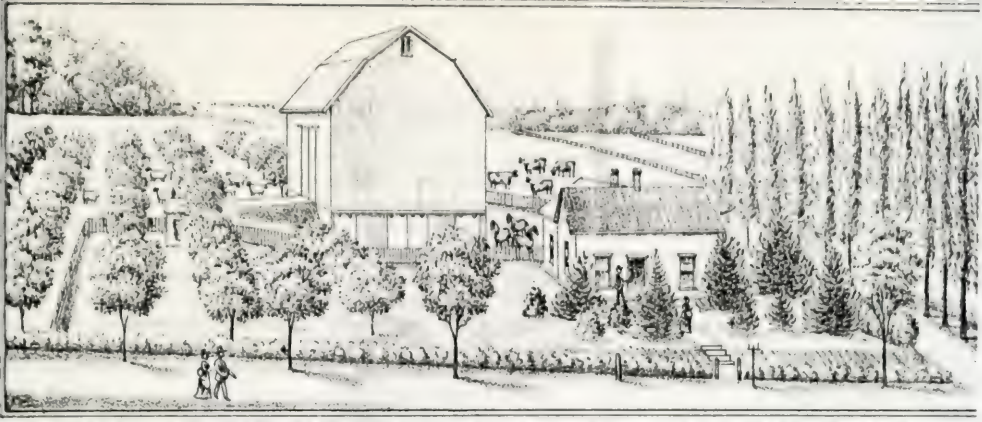
Mr. Foote was an Alderman for four years in this city, and was at one time a member of the Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Sons of Temperance. For many years he and his good wife have helped sustain the services and worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they also helped to build every church of this denomination in Flint. For over fifty years he has been an official member of the church, and is now its Treasurer, and has also been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. In his political views and vote he has ever been a stanch Republican.

JAMES I. STAFFORD, a prominent agriculturist of Montrose Township, Genesee County, and an old settler here, is a son of Sanford Stafford, who was born in New York as was also his wife, Nancy Pinkham. They came to Genesee County about the year 1853 and settled in Thetford Township, where they have since been residents. They had a family of ten children, of whom our subject was the second in order of age, and he was born in Troy, Ohio, July 7, 1846. Having there passed his first eight years he came with his parents to Genesee County and here spent the remainder of his youth. He received a common-school education and was still residing beneath the parental roof when the war of the rebellion called him from home.

Mr. Stafford enlisted September 23, 1864, in Company K, Twenty-Third Michigan Infantry, going as a substitute for his father who has been drafted, and serving until June, 1865, when, the war being over, he was honorably discharged and returned to Thetford Township. His marriage took place November 4, 1867, and his bride was Almina, daughter of John and Sarah (Clark) Taylor. Mr. Taylor was born in England and his wife in New York and it was during the '40s that they removed to Genesee County and settled in Thetford. Mrs. Stafford was one of the six children in their home and she was born in Thetford Township, April 25, 1847. After marriage the young couple settled on section one, Montrose Township, where they purchased eighty acres of land which was entirely unbroken. Upon this they have erected good comfortable buildings and have placed other substantial improvements. Sixty acres of land have been put under cultivation by them, so that it is now richly productive. A view of this pleasant homestead is presented on another page.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford are the parents of six children, viz: Emma L., who is the widow of George Dorn and the mother of one child—Iza B.; a child who died in infancy; William H.; Harley C.; Dora D. and James B. Mr. Stafford although a public-spirited and enterprising man, has never taken an active part in political affairs, but has been content to cast his vote for the men and measures put forward by the Republican party and has never held office, with the exception of one year when he acted as Highway Commissioner. Both he and his worthy wife are held in high esteem by all with whom they are brought in contact, and their sturdy character and charming social qualities bring them to the front rank in all neighborhood gatherings.

LEONARD BROWN. One of the finest farms in Genesee County is pleasantly located on section 21, Thetford Township, and comprises eighty acres of finely improved land. Here Mr. Brown has lived and labored ever since he was twenty-five years of age, in the meantime devoting his attention exclusively to the clearing and developing of the estate, which at first contained no improvements whatever and was in the midst of the forest. By proper rotation of crops and careful fertilization of the soil he has made of this place one of the finest homesteads of the community. As a citizen and friend, he is also very



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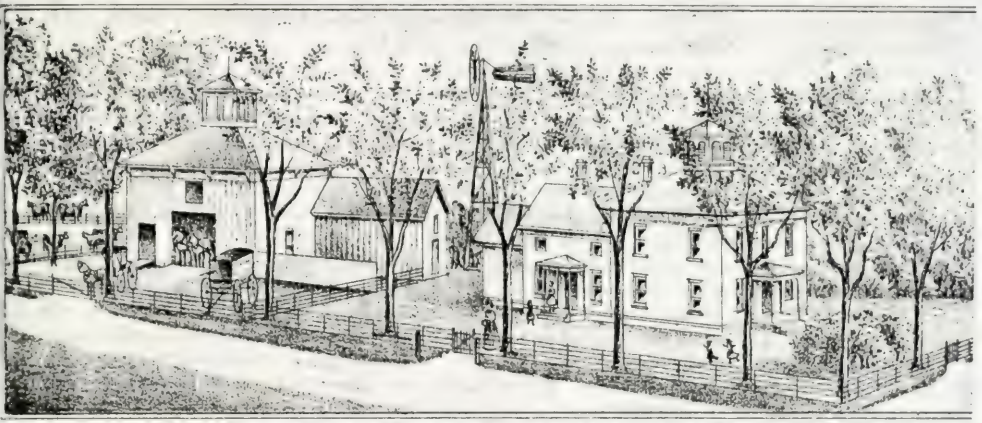

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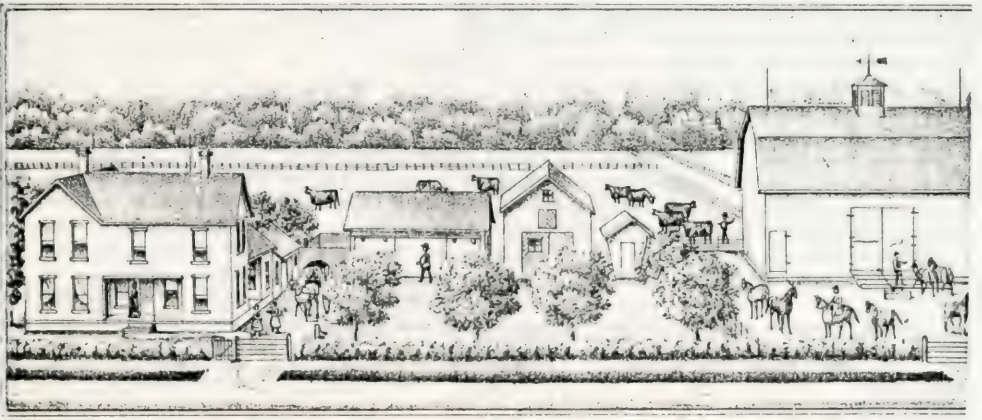

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highly esteemed, and enjoys the unlimited confidence of the people of this section of the country.

Mr. Brown is one of our English American citizens who have so greatly aided in the development of the vast resources of our country. He was born in Yorkshire, England, on January 10, 1845, and is the son of William and Jane (Burns) Brown, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire. The father, whose occupation was that of a farmer, came to America in 1850 and located at first in Niagara County, N. Y., near the great falls. There he remained thirteen years, devoting his time to the cultivation of a farm and becoming known as thrifty farmer and honorable business man. In 1863 he removed from New York State and coming to Michigan, settled in Thetford Township, Genesee County. The methods of agriculture which he adopted were always the best, and his son, our subject, was at an early age initiated into the mysteries of farming.

As the father was in limited circumstances, our subject received only a common school education, and devoted his time principally to farming. When he attained to the age of twenty-one years he commenced in life for himself, working for a time afterward for his father. At the age of twenty-five, as above stated, he purchased the eighty-acre farm, where he at present resides. A few years after he bought this place he brought to the home he had here established, a wife, known in maidenhood as Maria Riddle. This estimable lady, who was a native of Thetford Township, was there reared to maturity and became the wife of Leonard Brown on May 4, 1876. They have five children, all of whom are at home and named as follows: Royal M., Ora Grace, Clifford S., Clinton B. and Ella R.

During his entire active life Mr. Brown has engaged in farming pursuits, and as he brings to his chosen avocation a keen intellect, good judgment and unremitting industry, it is only natural that success has rewarded his efforts. He raises a variety of crops, making a specialty of potatoes and apples. His dwelling, a view of which is shown on another page, is a commodious residence, tastily furnished and the abode of a happy family, whose place among the residents of the township is the highest. Mr. Brown feels that the greatest issues of the day might be solved by means of the Prohibition party, and to that he gives his earnest support. He has never been an office seeker, and cares no more for politics than is necessary to determine to whom to give his support by ballot and influence. The Farmers' Alliance finds in him an active worker, and there is no measure which is brought forward to promote the best interests of the community but what receives his hearty co-operation.

ADELBERT JOHNSON was born in Oswego County, N. Y., March 3, 1846, and is the son of Henry and Lucy (Richards) Johnson, who were natives of New York. Henry Johnson who was a shoemaker by trade, came to Michigan and located in Genesee County in 1875. He bought a tract of land in Burton Township and carried on farming until his death, which occurred in 1883. He was Assessor in Oswego County before coming to the State. Our subject's mother still survives. She has born six children, of whom five still live.

Our subject is the eldest of his parents' family. He received a good district-school education and in 1864 enlisted in the war of the rebellion, joining his regiment September 4. He enlisted in Company H, One Hundred Eighty-fourth New York Infantry under Col. Robinson of Oswego. The regiment was first ordered to Richmond, and although it was sent to the front was in no regular engagements. A portion of the regiment was with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. They spent considerable time at Harrison Landing and then at City Point, where our subject was on duty until he was mustered out of service. He was a mere lad when entering the war, being only seventeen years of age. While at Harrison Landing he was taken sick, being in the hospital for some time, and was unable to work for quite a while after leaving the army.

In 1867 our subject came to Genesee County, but did not definitely locate here until 1874. In 1878 he purchased his present farm which is located

on section 15, and March 19, 1882, he was married to Miss Eliza Rice, of Oswego County, N. Y., a daughter of Rufus L. Rice of New York. The parents came West and now reside in Tuscola County. Mr. Johnson and his amiable wife are the parents of three children—Jane, Susan and Lewis. Our subject is a Republican in his political affiliation. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and belongs socially to the Masons. He is the owner of forty acres of land where he resides and has an interest in sixty-five acres more. In March, 1884, he launched into the dairying business and has since continued to furnish milk and dairy products to a large number of customers in Flint.

A first-class set of farm buildings have been erected on his estate belonging to Mr. Johnson, the most conspicuous being the residence, a view of which with its rural environments, appears elsewhere in this volume

JOHN H. SLAGHT. It is with pleasure that the biographer takes up his pen to detail the life story of any of the prominent old pioneers who have done so much toward developing and building up this part of the country, and no one among them is more worthy of note in this Record than Mr. Slaght. He was born in Covert, Seneca County, N. Y., December 6, 1830, and was there educated in the common schools, and until he was seventeen years of age made that his home.

In 1847 our subject came to Genesee County, and here settled in Mundy Township, which has been his home ever since. He has been throughout all these years a thorough and systematic farmer, devoting himself chiefly to agricultural pursuits, but ever ready to lend a helping hand toward every movement which is calculated to promote the progress of the community and develop the resources of the country.

Christmas Day, 1858, marked an epoch in Mr. Slaght's life, for it was then he was united in marriage with Miss Zuclema E. Austin, who was born in New York. Immediately after marriage the young couple made their home upon the farm where they still reside, and where he carries on farming operations on a fine estate of one hundred and forty acres.

Our subject and his wife are the happy parents of three children: Charles C., Elmer E. and Mary L. For many years Mr. Slaght has performed the duties of Justice of the Peace, and is one of the oldest magistrates in the county. The office of Township Treasurer has been in his hands for three years. He has taken an intelligent interest in political movements and is an adherent to the he Republican faith. In religious work he has also taken his part, and for many years has been an Elder of the Presbyterian Church. This family always stands for progress along every line, and is influential in both social and religious matters, and earnestly interested in bringing the standard of living to a higher level in the community. Mr. Slaght was a student of the Law Department of the Michigan University, of Ann Arbor, and graduated as an L. B. in 1862. But finding that farming was more congenial to his taste than the practice of law, he chose that as his life work, but, has acted as guardian and administrator, and his knowledge of law has proved of great value to him.

WILLIAM VINCENT, of Gaines Township, Genesee County, was born near Toronto, Canada, February 10, 1843. His parents were early pioneers of Shiawassee County. The early years of their son William's life were spent in Canada, but he came with his parents to Michigan and settled soon after in Middlebury, Shiawassee County, where they died.

Our subject lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age, when he undertook farming on his own account. He first engaged in making staves, which he sold by the thousand, and followed this line of work in connection with farming as he had opportunity for some ten years. He made his home in Shiawassee County until the spring of 1870, when he removed to Gaines

Township, of which he has since been a resident. He has good buildings on his farm and is the owner of two hundred acres of rich and arable land.

Owosso, Shiawassee County, Mich., was the scene of our subject's marriage, in 1865, with Lucretia Palmer, who was born in New York, and is a daughter of John and Maria Palmer, who came from New York and settled in Shiawassee County, which remained their home until death called them hence. Six children have blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, namely: John H., Elgin, Sarah N., Fred, Elizabeth and Verona. John married Bertha Mays and Elgin, Hettie Cool, while Sarah is the wife of Thomas Ballard.

Mr. Vincent has held the office of Highway Commissioner and also that of Township Treasurer. He is a member of the Patrons of Industry and has ever taken an active part in local politics. His parents, Richard R. and Sarah (Appleman) Vincent, died in Shiawassee County. In connection with his farming interests he has also been engaged to a considerable extent in lumbering, and for three years operated a threshing machine. He is deeply interested in educational affairs and has been a member of the School Board. His reputation for thorough integrity and business-like methods has won him the esteem of the community, and his true kindliness and interest in the welfare of all have brought him into sympathy with his neighbors.

WILLARD VAN BLARICOM. The traveling public has the best of reasons for remembering the genial proprietor of the Canada House, in the city of Flint, for his accommodating disposition and genial manners win from him the friendship of all his guests. A native of Pickton, Prince Edward's County, Ontario, he was born March 18, 1849, and is the son of Abram Van Blaricom, who was born in the same county as our subject. The parental grandfather, Martinus, was born in New York State of Dutch descent and was an early settler of Pickton, Ontario, where he operated as a farmer. He passed seventy-two years on one farm and died at a great age. He was the owner of six hundred acres of improved land and was prominent in the community where he had passed almost his entire life.

As his father before him, Abram Van Blaricom, engaged in farming pursuits in which success crowned his efforts. At the time of his death which occurred December 5, 1873, at the age of sixty-three years, he was the owner of four hundred acres of land. His wife, Sybil (Clarke) Van Blaricom, was born in Pickton, Ontario, the daughter of Joseph Clarke, a farmer of New York State. She died in 1876, at a ripe old age, respected and beloved by all who knew her. She and her husband were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had a family of eight children, six of whom are still living.

Our subject, who was the fifth in order of birth, was reared on the home farm, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age. When his father died he took charge of the old homestead and accumulated a good property, becoming owner of two hundred acres of fine land. After operating this until 1878 he sold out and went to Pickton, where he engaged in business as an hotel keeper. After three weeks time, the hotel was burned to the ground, causing our subject a loss of $3,000. He next entered business as a grocer, later was agent for reapers and mowers, until 1880, when he came to Michigan.

Proceeding at once to Flint, Mr. Van Blaricom entered into business in various lines, but at the expiration of one year he became proprietor of the Canada House. After managing it for two years he purchased it and has continued to manage it since with the exception of one year (1888) when he rented it. During that time he engaged in the manufacture of brooms. It has been said that every man rides a hobby, and our subject certainly has a great fondness for horse flesh, being a good judge of equines and owning some fine ones. He may well be called a self-made man, for when he started out in life for himself he had only $25 in cash. But he possessed energy and industry, which qualities contributed largely to his success.

In 1873 Mr. Van Blaricom was married in Canada to Miss Nancy Wood, a native of Ontario. Two children have been born to them—Maud and May—who are both at home. While residing in Canada our subject served as Township Trustee and Road Commissioner, and was quite influential in political life there. He is a stalwart Democrat and uniformly votes that ticket on issues of national import. He belongs to the General Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the Chairs, and is also identified with the Knights of the Maccabees. Mrs. Van Blaricom is a lady of great worth of character and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ALONZO D. LUCE. This old soldier and prominent man in educational matters was once Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Territory of Nebraska and was also Deputy Secretary of the same territory. He is now acting as bill clerk at Flint for the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad. He was born in York, Livingston County, N. Y., October 15, 1832, and his father was Gen. C. F. E. Luce, born in 1808 in Danvers, Mass., In early boyhood he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner. He joined the New York State militia and worked his way up to the rank of Major General in the State troops. In 1845 he came to Michigan and locating on a farm near Norvell remained there through the remainder of his life being Postmaster of Grass Lake under President Buchanan, and reaching the age of sixty-two years before his death in 1871.

The mother of our subject was Ruth S. Seymour a second cousin of Gov. Horatio Seymour of New York. She was born in East Bloomfield, Ontario County, N. Y. and died in Montcalm County, this State in 1890 at the age of eighty-two years. Of her six children four are now living. Her youngest son, Vinal B., served for six months in the Eleventh Michigan Infantry.

Our subject came to Michigan in 1845 at the age of twelve years, was reared upon a farm, and after studying in the district schools took a course in Ypsilanti Normal School after which he studied under Prof. Welsh and then engaged in teaching. In 1856 he went West to Nebraska City Neb., and engaged with Thomas and J. Sterling Morton as partner in publishing the Nebraska City *News*, continuing there for four years. Having been elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in Nebraska in 1858 he located in Omaha and in 1860 he was re-elected and served four years and was at the same time Assistant Secretary of the territory. He was also Territorial Librarian and Colonel of Ordnance. In 1860 he met with a severe loss in the destruction by fire of his printing office.

Just before the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Luce had been South and had there seen much of the excitement which culminated in the Rebellion. While in Kansas at Lecompton and other places he saw "old John Brown" the famous Jim Lane and other notables. He was there as inspector of Government surveys and saw immense herds of buffaloes and was at times absent for many weeks from the abodes of white men. Within two year's time he inspected the survey of more than one hundred and seventy townships in Kansas and Nebraska.

In May, 1861, our subject enlisted in the First Nebraska Infantry and for two and one-half years did detached duty as clerk for the Judge Advocate at St. Louis after which he resigned and came to Michigan and in February, 1865 re-enlisted in the re-organized Eleventh Michigan Infantry. After being mustered in, he was appointed Quarter Master Sergeant and held this office and that of Commissary Sergeant during the remainder of the war. Most of his service was spent in Tennessee and he was mustered out in October of the same year.

Returning to Michigan, this gentleman entered the employ of the Hubbardston lumber company for five years. He had started a business college while living in Nebraska City and is a practical book-keeper and business man. He was married in Saline, Washtenaw County, January 1, 1864, to Miss Frances Thompson a native of Ohio and they have one adopted daughter, Louisa, who is now fifteen years old. Mr. Luce is a member of the

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B. W. Kilbourn.

Masonic order and also the Knights of Pythias. He has always been a Democrat in his politics and is a frequent delegate to county and State conventions.

BENJAMIN W. KILBOURN. The gentleman whose portrait appears on the opposite page is the owner of a farm located on section 13, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, and is one of the many excellent citizens of this religion who are of Canadian origin. His father, Horace Kilbourn, a native of Canada, was there reared to manhood and married Mary Sells, who was also born in Canada. To them were born thirteen children, there being eight sons and five daughters. Mr. Kilbourn was a farmer by calling and in 1855 sought better conditions of earning a livelihood in his chosen line of business than the Dominion offered and located in Michigan, settling in St. Clair County on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. He there died in May, 1880, his wife passing away in July, 1885. Grandfather Timothy Kilbourn served in the War of 1812.

B. W. Kilbourn was born March 14, 1842, and at the age of thirteen was brought to Michigan by his parents. He lived at home until the breaking out of the war, then in April, 1863, enlisted in Company F, First Regiment of Sharp-Shooters, and received his discharge August 11, 1865 at Jackson, this State. He took part in the following battles: The Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg (at the time of the mine explosion), Weldon Road and in other smaller engagements. He was in Grant's army until the surrender of Gen. Lee, and was so fortunate as to escape wound or imprisonment throughout his engagement.

After the war our subject came to St. Clair County, this State, and was there engaged in farming. He was married to Susan Kilbourn, a native of Canada and a daughter of Timothy Kilbourn, and he and his wife became the parents of five children. Those who are living are Benjamin B., Philander H. and Flora D. Two children died in infancy.

In 1880 Mr. Kilbourn came to Vassar Township and has since lived here. He now owns fifty-five acres of land and has thoroughly improved his farm. He belongs socially to the W. T. Sherman Post, No. 140, G. A. R., at Vassar. Politically he is a Republican. For two years he has been Justice of the Peace, and has been Assessor and Director of School District No. 2.

JAMES STONE JOHNSON, of Almont, was born at Bethel, Windsor County, Vt., April 2, 1827. He was early orphaned, as his mother, Cynthia Stone, died when he was seven years old, and he lost the father's care and affection at the age of ten. Until he was fourteen he spent his life upon a farm, attending the village school during the winter season and then he began to learn the trade of harness, saddle and trunk making at Montpelier. When eighteen years old he set out for Michigan on foot, having sold his school books and packed what few effects he had in a valise of his own making, and crossed the Green Mountains on foot in March, 1845. He then went to Castleton, Vt., working there one year for $100. He next found employment in Troy, N. Y., where he received $13 a month for his regular work and by working overtime earned $102 in three months. After a year in Troy he resumed his Western journey and reached Detroit on the old steamer "Nile," July 4, 1847.

Mt. Clemens was the objective point of the young man as he had relatives there but after visiting them he returned to Detroit and shortly afterward started a shop in Almont. On the 9th of October 1848, he was married to Miss Mary Parmlee, a resident of Almont who was born at Ludlow, Vt., April 28, 1829. Mr. Johnson had now got a little start in life and a home of his own, but he took the gold fever and on March 20, 1850, started overland to California by way of St. Joseph, Mo., touching at Fts. Laramie and Kearney and Salt Lake City. This trip was made on foot three-quarters of the way, the journey ending the 5th of August after one hundred and thirty-eight days on the road. He followed mining at Hangtown,

now known as Placerville, and finally was able to command a salary of $170 a month as a common laborer, which was some recompense for the long and wearisome journey.

Our subject returned East in the fall of 1851, bringing $700 with him, and in order to economize he took passage on a schooner for the Isthmus but landing at Acapulco, Mexico, he walked to Mexico City. There he was finally joined by some of his shipmates and they managed to hire two of Gen. Scott's old army wagons and thirty-four mules with which they rigged up a conveyance to complete their journey across Mexico. This trip was made just after the close of the Mexican War and was filled with curious adventures among a people still embittered by the memories of defeat and manifold disaster. At Vera Cruz Mr. Johnson shipped for New Orleans and thence came up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to Cincinnati, and from there overland to Michigan, being one hundred and thirteen days on the way from San Francisco and having only $300 left when he reached home in December.

Mr. Johnson now undertook the cabinetmaker's business in which he was successful, and in 1853 secured three hundred and twenty acres in Goodland Township for $10 under the United States graduation act law. Upon this he placed a house which was the first one on the east side of Goodland. There he remained for something over a year with his wife and two children, clearing the land and dealing in pine logs and lands, in which he was greatly prospered. Returning to Almont he carried on the same line of business, selling during one winter over $15,000 worth of logs to A. A. Dwight, of Detroit. During the winter of 1871 he with others purchased pine lands to the extent of $72,000 worth and put up mills and operated them. During the next twenty months he cleared $20,000 in this way.

At one time Mr. Johnson edited the Almont *Herald*, doubling its circulation, while under his charge and finally turning it over to his son. He has five hundred acres of improved land and as elegant a home as can be found in this part of Michigan. While deprived of educational advantages as a boy he now has an excellent library of about six hundred volumes of the very best authors. Among them are the works of Macauley, Scott, Gibbon, Buckley, Prescott, Bancroft, Mills, Lecky, Emerson, Voltaire, Hume and Spenser. There are many other works of the same character together with the best writings in fiction and poetry, and encyclopædias and books of reference. With all of these Mr. Johnson is familiar, and they have served to make him a well-informed man, in spite of his early disadvantages.

The six children of Mr. Johnson are: Mary E., now Mrs. D. M. Washer, of Almont and the mother of three children; D. Lee, a farmer of Almont; Alice L., who married Lieut. E. H. Brown, a graduate of West Point, who is stationed at Ft. Sherman, Idaho; Frank, who has been editor of the Mayville *Monitor* and is the father of four children; James Carl, a clerk in Almont, and Hugh Stone, who is still at home. Lieut. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of two children.

Our subject has been a Democrat and in his earlier days was active in politics. Three times against his wishes he was nominated for the Legislature and at one time he and his wife spent the season in Louisiana to get away from the canvass. He has never been anxious for office but only solicitous for the sake of his country to see the principles of true Democracy succeed. He has served as President of the Village Board, also as Trustee and on the School Board. In religious questions he has been a thorough radical from early boyhood, and now in his old age rejoices that he is in step with all progressive minds of the past and present. He has always been a friend of schools and is known as a free giver of his means for all worthy purposes, giving $1,500 to his adopted village and distributing many thousands in more private ways.

The father of our subject, James Johnson, was born June 14, 1799, and his paternal grandfather July 24, 1768, while the grandmother's birth was January 25, 1775, and they were married April 24, 1793. The great-grandfather, Fenn Johnson, was born August 5, 1741 and his wife Rebecca July 29, 1746. They were residents of New London, Conn., when Arnold in 1781 burnt the town. In Colonial times the Johnsons were seafaring men and several members of the family went down with their ships.

Our subject is proud of his long line of American ancestors and claims to be a "Yankee" of the bluest blood. On the maternal side he traces his ancestry to Gregory Stone, who with his brother John came from England in 1634 in the good ship "Increase." They settled in Framingham, Mass., buying land of the Indians. Some of the family owned what is now Mt. Auburn Cemetery and in a country graveyard near by scores of hardy pioneers of their name find rest. One of their number, a lieutenant, joined Washington's army under the old Cambridge elm, and in the Revolutionary War, the French and Indian Wars, and the Civil War, their names are enrolled as brave soldiers.

M. H. SMITH is a farmer in Flushing Township, Genesee County, where he has a tract comprising seventy acres of good and arable land. He is a native of Tompkins County, N. Y., and was born December 20, 1833. He is a son of Caleb and Wilempe (Hamilton) Smith, natives of New Jersey. The father was a day laborer. From New Jersey they removed to Tompkins County, thence to Schuyler County, N. Y., where the head of the family died. They had seven children, of whom five are now living, and who are by name—William, Marcus, Cornelia, Mary J. and Elijah. The father was a Whig in his political principles, and a believer in the creed as held by the Presbyterian Church.

Our subject was educated in Lansing Township, Tompkins County, N. Y., and was reared a farmer boy. When twelve years of age he went to live with his uncle, Joshua Jennings, and remained with him for four years. He then went to Schuyler County, where he was engaged in working by the month, and continued to be thus employed for some years. When twenty-six years old he was married to Miss Eliza Bailey, a native of New York.

After our subject's marriage he was engaged in working a farm on shares, and later they purchased a place in Schuyler County, N. Y., and devoted themselves to farming there for six years. He then came to Michigan in 1864 and purchased the place where he now lives, and which comprises eighty acres of land. It was at the time chopped over and bore a small frame house. He has since cleared off the place and put it in a perfect productive state. He has moreover built a fine house and two good barns. He here devotes himself to general farming. He has a fine orchard and also a good deal of stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of ten children, whose names are: Eddy, Clara, Myrtie, Lilly, Jenny, Frank and Fred, who are twins, Maude, Willie and Clyde. Mr. Smith is a Democrat in politics, and one of the stanchest upholders of his party. He has held the position of School Director and Pathmaster. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are numbered among the most prominent people of the township. The original of our sketch has educated his children, giving them the best of advantages, and two of them have been engaged in teaching. He has a beautiful home and fine surroundings.

HARRIS W. ODELL. Prominent among the public-spirited and prosperous citizens of Mundy Township, Genesee County, and well known as an old settler in these parts is Mr. Odell. He was born in Mundy Township, April 30, 1838, and is a son of the late Moses and Betsey (Seely) Odell, who came from Pennsylvania to Genesee County, Mich., in the old Territorial days early in the '30s and are therefore among the earliest settlers of Mundy Township.

This township remained the home of this estimable couple until their death. Of their seven children our subject is the fourth in order of age. Here he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the district schools and taking his training upon the farm, and here he has ever lived with the exception of ten years, when he made his home in Grand Blanc Township. The pursuits of agriculture have entirely engaged his attention, and in them he has been successful. His home is a pleasant

and attractive one and is well adapted to the comforts of its household, while his barns and outhouses are neat in appearance and kept up in good condition, and the general cultivation of the farm shows a thrifty farmer.

The marriage of Harris W. Odell and Esther Valentine took place in Fenton, Mich., November 12, 1861. She was born in Mundy Township, and is a daughter of Cornelius and Esther (Alger) Valentine, who were among the early settlers of Mundy Township, as they came here early in the '30s.

To Mr. and Mrs. Odell have been granted seven children: George W., who has been united in marriage with Florence Wilkinson; Florence, who died in infancy; Charles C., who married Ora Granger; Myrtle, the wife of Charles Ormiston; Lottie, who died at the age of seven years; Beatrice and Elmer. Mr. Odell has taken an active part in political affairs and believes in the soundness of the principles and policy advocated by the Democratic party. He is ever alive to the interests of the community and is an active promoter of all movements looking toward its progress on social or business lines.

WILLIAM OWEN. None among the time-honored pioneers of Genesee County, is more worthy of attention from our readers than this resident of Atlas Township, who was born in Allegany County, N. Y., February 29, 1816. He is a son of Noah and Elizabeth (Pixley) Owen, and came with his parents to Michigan as early as 1831, settling at once on his farm where he now lives, as his father then purchased that property from the Government at $1.25 per acre. Our subject chopped the first trees that were felled upon this place and aided in building the log cabin in which the family settled the following spring.

Noah Owen was twice married, and was the father of six children, three of whom survive, namely: William, Orville and John. He passed from earth in February, 1844. The early education of our subject was taken in the district schools of Orleans County, N. Y., which was his home most of the time before coming to Michigan, and he has ever been a great reader and is a man of broad general information, an excellent talker and one who has ever been interested in politics. He was married in New York, October 9, 1837, to Avis J. Tyler, a native of Cayuga County, who was born in 1816 and is a daughter of Elliott and Avis Tyler, New Englanders by birth. The children born to this union are: Helen H., Mary E. wife of Edwin Huntley and William E. In those early times our subject was esteemed one of the hardest workers in the township and he did "big days work" in rail splitting and cradling wheat.

For over half a century William Owen and his wife lived together in harmony and happiness until January 1, 1889, when Mrs. Owen was called to her heavenly reward. Our subject has ever been deeply interested in educational matters and built upon his own farm the first schoolhouse in the district. His political views have made him a Republican and for a number of years he has served as Highway Commissioner.

Mr. Owen is a natural mechanic and has himself done the work on most of the buildings on his farm. His farm consist of one hundred and sixteen acres of well improved land and its splendid condition is a testimonial to his thoroughness and thrift. He is well known throughout this part of the county and it is the wish of all that he may live to see the return of many seasons. His daughter, Helen, makes her home with her father and is a most estimable lady and an active and honored member of society.

GRICE MATHEWSON. The farm of this resident of Mundy Township, Genesee County, comprises one hundred and forty acres and upon it are to be seen excellent improvements, and good crops of various kinds are here raised. He was born in Franklinville, Cattaraugus County, September 19, 1832 and is a son of John and Caroline (McClure) Mathewson. They came from

Cattaraugus County, N. Y. in 1848 to make their home in Mundy Township, Genesee County, and there remained for the rest of their lives. They had eight children and of that number Grice was second in order of age.

Our subject came to this county with his parents and made his home under the parental roof until he became of age. In 1858 he went to California and was there employed in the lime kilns of Santa Cruz. For most of the time during his residence in the Sunset State he was in the city just named.

Upon his return after three years in the West the young man enlisted in August, 1862 in Company C, Fifth Michigan Cavalry and served under the stars and stripes nearly three years. He was not really sick during his term of service but his health became considerably impaired. When he returned he settled on the farm where he now lives and with the exception of one year when he was employed in the jail at Bay City as turnkey he has resided here ever since.

On the 15th of March, 1873, Grice Mathewson took to wife Abigail L. Sigsby, who was born in Tuscola County, Mich., and was at the time residing in Mundy Township, this county. One little daughter came to brighten their home, to whom they gave the name of Lura. The doctrines and policy of the Republican party represent very fairly the political views of Mr. Mathewson and he takes a keen interest in the movement of public affairs. Our readers will be pleased to find further details in regard to this interesting family in the sketch of Stephen Mathewson on another page of this Record.

CHRISTIAN RIPPE, manufacturer of cigars and tobacco in the city of Flint, was born in Bremen, Germany, May 21, 1842. His father, John D. L. H. Rippe, was also a native of Bremen, where the paternal grandfather engaged as a farmer. John Rippe never crossed the ocean, but spent his entire life in the city of his birth, where he was in the hotel business until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-five years. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran, and a man of generous principles and upright life. The mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Kellenbeck, came from her native city, Bremen, to the United States many years ago, and died in New Orleans.

Of the seven children who were born to the parents of our subject, two are living: Henry resides in Minneapolis, Minn., where he is engaged as a dealer in musical instruments, and is the leader of a band in that city. Christian Rippe, who forms the subject of this biographical notice, was reared in Bremen, and at the age of fifteen years, having received a good common-school education in his native place, he sailed as a cabin boy in the sailing-vessel "Tusnalda." While serving in this capacity he visited many foreign ports, and among them were Bombay and the harbors of the East Indies, thence back to Port au Prince and the West Indies. The voyage occupied two and one-half years.

Upon returning to Bremen, Germany, Mr. Rippe was apprenticed to learn the cigar-maker's trade, and was thus occupied for two years, afterward doing journeyman work in Bremen. In October, 1865, he left there on the sailing-vessel "Hanca" which landed in New York, November 18, 1865. Immediately after reaching New York City, Mr. Rippe entered into business as a cigar-maker, and was occupied in this way for eighteen months, thence proceeded to Philadelphia, where he sojourned one year. We next find him in the Empire State, where he successfully followed his trade two and one-half years in New York, and seven years in Troy. In Syracuse, the same State, he engaged at his trade and operated a grocery store for some time, until he came West to Michigan in 1878.

In Michigan, Mr. Rippe remained for a time in Detroit, thence proceeded to Minneapolis, later to St. Louis, and from there back to Detroit, where he followed his trade three years. The year 1882 marked his arrival in Flint, where he has resided since. For three years he was in the employ of others, but in 1885 he embarked in business for himself as a manufacturer of cigars and tobaccos. In cigars he makes the very best brands, such as "Doctor's Regalia," "Long Tom," "Doctor's Fife,"

and sells tobaccos both wholesale and retail. Since establishing himself in business here he has become known as one of the shrewdest business men of the city as well as a capable financier, and has accumulated a competency through his untiring efforts.

In 1879, in Syracuse, N. Y., Mr. Rippe was united in marriage with Mrs. Louisa (Hauf) Baker, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. Mrs. Rippe had by her former marriage three children, namely: George, who is a cigar-maker in Detroit; Lena and Charles, who reside with their mother. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Rippe —Frederick, Pearl, and Arthur, deceased. Socially Mr. Rippe is identified with Friendship Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Pythias. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he is regarded as one of the most influential citizens of the place.

JEROME B. BUTLER, one of the representative farmers of Burnside Township, Lapeer County, was born in Livingston County, N. Y., October 22, 1827, and is a son of Isaiah and Louise (Reynolds) Butler. The father was born in May, 1806, and was the son of the Rev. Isaiah Butler, a Baptist minister of Massachusetts. Our subject, who is the second in a family of nine children, lived with his father in New York until his eighteenth year when they came West and remained a year and a half, after which the young man returned to the East.

The father continued his residence for three years in Oakland County and after living for three years in Ohio he came to Lapeer County and settled in Burnside Township whence he removed to North Branch Township four years later, where he still resides. Upon returning to Michigan, Jerome spent six months in Oakland County and then went to the Lake Superior region, where he was successfully engaged in mining for nine or ten years. He now returned to Burnside Township and settled upon the land which he had bought four years before and is now interested in about two thousand acres of land.

Mr. Butler was married January 6, 1851, to Miss Margaret J. Collins, who is a native of Eastport, Me., where she was born March 25, 1827. She is the daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Hickey) Collins, who left Eastport when this daughter was quite young and lived in Boston until 1844 when they removed to Oakland County. Eight of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Butler are still living. They are named Louisa, Hamilton J., Nellie, Horatio, Hattie, Jerome B., Josephine, Eugene and Benjamin F. The two oldest daughters have passed from earth and the eldest son is engaged in farming and stock-dealing. Horatio and Robert are both farmers in Burnside Township and the latter is likewise engaged in merchandising. Jerome is also a farmer at Burnside and his twin sister, Josephine, is the wife of Samuel Simonds, a merchant in Wolverine, where the younger son, Benjamin F., also resides.

Mr. Butler is engaged in general farming and oversees all departments of his farm although he is not himself active in the hard work. He has been extensively engaged in lumbering and has a large sawmill adjoining his home. His father was the oldest settler in this township and has ever been a man of influence in the community. The Democratic ticket commands the vote of our subject under ordinary circumstances, but he pays little attention to political matters.

PETER P. DAWSON, who is a native of Metamora, Lapeer County, this State, where he was born June 4, 1840, now has charge of a farm on section 16, Watertown Township, Tuscola County. He is a son of Robert Dawson, a native of New York State, who came to Michigan when a young man and made his home on the spot which afterward became the birthplace of our subject. He was married in Oakland County, in 1835, to Jane Martin, a native of New York

State, and to them were born six sons and three daughters.

Mr. Dawson was a pioneer in Metamora Township, and one of the two men who brought their families here about the same time and were the first in the township. He was a life-long farmer and made his home on a farm of eighty acres in Metamora Township. He came to Tuscola County in 1862 and bought property on section 23, where he resided until his death in 1879. His wife survived him for several years and passed away in 1887. He was a Republican politically and an earnest member of the Sons of Temperance, and both he and his good wife were members of the Methodist Church.

Peter Dawson was reared in Lapeer County, and followed farming until 1860, at which time he undertook teaching and pursued that calling for a number of years. He is a graduate of Albion Commercial College and was educated in the common schools of Lapeer County. In 1868 he came to Tuscola and bought eighty acres of land which he still owns. To it he has added forty acres so that he now has one hundred and twenty acres. From eighty acres of this land he has cleared the timber, and upon it he has placed many substantial improvements.

In 1868 our subject was united in marriage with Emma Sperry, a native of Lapeer County, and the daughter of Benjamin Sperry, a New Yorker. He was an early settler of Watertown Township and completed his days here, passing away in 1883. His bereaved widow is still living in this township. To our subject and his wife was born one son, Austin B., and the mother of this child was called from the activities of earth in 1870. The second marriage of Mr. Dawson took place in 1871, and united him with Emiline Day, a native of Canada and a daughter of Lawrence Day who came from Canada and became a pioneer of Watertown Township, where he still resides. The children born of this marriage are: Marshall Ney, May, Vernia, Leon C. and Jane E.

Mr. Dawson is a member of Welcome Tent, No. 34, K. O. T. M., at Fostoria, and in his political connections he is a Republican. For twelve years in succession he has been Township Clerk and also Supervisor for five years. He resigned that office and was elected County Clerk in 1886, and thus continued for four years, besides being School Officer most of the time since he came to the township. Frederick Dawson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a soldier in the War of 1812, was wounded while on the march from Buffalo to Auburn and died in a hospital at the latter place.

MRS. SARAH E. BROCKWAY, at present a resident upon a fine farm located on section 6, Flint Township, Genesee County, is a daughter of Baronet and Derinda (Wood) Wisner. The former died in Penn Yan, N. Y. Her mother was born in Seneca County, N. Y., and died in Ontario County, the same State. They had but one child, who is she of whom we write.

As the only child of the household, Mrs. Brockway was reared tenderly and carefully in New York, where she was born March 1, 1832. She was carefully educated and when eighteen years of age attended school at Albion, Orleans County. After she had finished her course she was engaged in teaching for a period of six years prior to her marriage. She was married to Horace I. Brockway, their nuptials being solemnized in Albion, Orleans County, November 22, 1855.

Mr. Brockway was born in Orleans County, March 5, 1827. As a young man he was noted for his sterling integrity and strength of purpose, and all who knew him anticipated for him success in life. They came to Genesee County, Mich., immediately after their marriage and settled on section 6, Flint Township, where Mr. Brockway died November 1, 1887. He took an active interest in local political affairs and was posted in regard to national politics and events. He favored the policy of the Republican party, with which he always voted. He and his wife were attendants of the Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death he was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land, upon which he had made good im-

provements. The home is commodious and comfortable, and is beautified in every way in which taste and good judgment can make a rural place attractive.

Mrs. Brockway is the mother of six children, three of whom are living. They are Traverse M., Frederick L. and Howell E. The eldest son married Imogene Carey. The three other children of the family died when young. Since her husband's decease Mrs. Brockway has had charge of the farm, and one can see no diminution of care or productiveness in her broad and well-cultivated acres.

JEFFERSON CONRAD. We are gratified to be able to present a sketch of this prominent and prosperous farmer whose beautiful property presents so fine an appearance to the eye of the passerby. His success has been based not upon any inherited property or the work of others, but upon his own pluck, push and perseverance, which have brought him to the point where we see him to-day. He was born in Lansing, Tompkins County, N. Y., August 18, 1823. His father, George Conrad, born in 1799, and a New York farmer, came to Michigan in 1856, spending some ten years in Genesee County, and then returning to New York where he died in 1865, at the age of sixty-six years. His mother, Ann Teeter, who was born in New York, in 1800, died in Michigan in 1870.

Our subject is second in a family of seven children, four of whom are still living. He received an ordinary district-school education. When twenty-one years of age he became self supporting, working for three years by the month, at $12 per month. At the end of that time he purchased a farm in Greenwood Township, Steuben County, and making what payment he could, went in debt for the balance and paid it by the profits of his farm. In 1852 he was married to Mary E. Farrell, of Lansing, N. Y. In 1858 he emigrated to Michigan, coming to Genesee County, and buying his farm on section 12, of Fenton Township. It was already partially improved, having on it a small house, and a few trees had been felled. He has added to it from time to time until he now has one hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. Conrad is the father of six children, five of whom are living: Georgie, who in 1882, married Bloomfield Clement, of Canisteo, N. Y.; Ella, who married Z. W. Beeman in 1879, and died in 1889, leaving one child, Newell C.; Jay, who married Mattie Richmond in 1886, and has settled on a farm near his father; Wilbur, who married Lizzie Berryman in 1888, and lives on the farm with his father, and Laura and Lola, who are at home.

The Democratic party receives the endorsement of Mr. Conrad, although he is not an active politician. Mrs. Conrad is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The excellent property which has been attained by Mr. Conrad has been gained by his earnest and unwearied efforts, as he began without means. His house is an excellent one and the out-buildings correspond, and on the estate are raised all kinds of stock of good grades.

DANIEL C. PROPER. This public-spirited and highly esteemed citizen of Gaines Township, Genesee County, carries on business as a farmer and stock dealer on section 18. His father was the late Nelson Proper and died in this township in 1880, but the mother still survives. They were both natives of New York, and came to Genesee County about the year 1845, and settled in Gaines Township. Nine sons and two daughters blessed their home, and of that number our subject is the fourth, and was born in New York, February 1, 1837, and was thus about eight years old when his parents removed to Genesee County.

Most of the life of our subject has been passed in Gaines Township, as he here grew to manhood, and has made it his home. Tyrone Township, Livingston County, was the scene of his marriage, May 6, 1859, and the bride was Miss Mary Bates. She became the mother of three children, as follows: Zilpha Isabella, Mary Addie and Carlton A.

Yours truly
D. W. Richards

The former is now Mrs. R. Shepard; and the second daughter is the wife of H. Dunn, while the son married Miss Frances Wilson. Mrs. Mary Proper died in Gaines Township, October 11, 1871, and Mr. Proper was again married in Linden, Mich., to Miss Abigail J. Preston, a native of Tyrone Township, Livingston County. Two children have been born to them, Ollie M. and Clair A.

Mr. Proper has erected upon his farm of eighty acres excellent buildings, and here he carries on quite an extensive business in raising and handling stock, making Detroit his chief shipping market. Chester and Mary (Coy) Preston, the parents of Mrs. Proper represented one of the oldest families in Livingston County. They came hither from New York, and spent the remainder of their lives upon the property where they first settled upon coming West. They had five children, of whom their daughter Abigail was the third. She was born in Livingston County, Mich., March 1, 1856.

DANIEL W. RICHARDS. A prominent, intelligent and energetic farmer, who makes a specialty of manufacturing cheese. Mr. Richards has a model farm of three hundred and ten acres on section 11, Burton Township, Genesee County. He was born in Amherst, Mass., July 14, 1829, and is a son of Willard and Dolly (Thayer) Richards, both natives of the old Bay State. Our subject's father emigrated to Oswego County, N. Y., at an early day and there followed the trade of cloth dressing for some time. He afterward worked on a farm and remained there about sixteen years. He emigrated to Michigan in 1844 and located first in Sciota Township, Shiawassee County, remaining there three years. From there he went to Clinton County, where he remained two years. He next removed to Oakland County, where he purchased forty acres of land.

For ten years Willard Richards resided in Oakland County, and then removed to Genesee County, locating in Burton Township. He removed some years later to Holly, Oakland County, this State, and after a residence of several years finally came to Genesee County and made his home with his children in Burton Township where he died at the age of seventy-five years. For many years he was a member of the Christian Church.

Our subject's mother was a pioneer in the new work for women. Although she had very limited educational advantages she was a great reader and her naturally reverential nature found its greatest comfort in the study of the Bible. While still a resident of Massachusetts her reputation as an exhorter and preacher became extended and after removing to New York she engaged in the work quite extensively. She traveled a great deal on the circuit and found her way about on horseback or on foot as circumstances demanded. On coming to Michigan she found a still wider field for her work and divided the honors of her calling with her brother preacher on the circuit. She died when eighty-five years of age.

There were eight children in the family of whom six are still living. After coming to Michigan our subject attended school during the winters, the institution being crude indeed although the ideas which it awakened were as intrinsically grand as now. Our subject remained with his parents until about twenty years of age and then was employed as a farm laborer by the month, giving four years to the work. About 1851 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Burton Township. He built a log house and supplemented his farm work by the results of his hunting expeditions, for he had become quite widely known as as a trapper and for some years made a handsome profit from the pelts that he sold of the deer, mink and coon. He continued the improvement on his farm and in 1853 took unto himself a wife, his bride being Miss Sarah J. Vodden, who was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 19, 1837. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary Vodden, who were English by birth. Her father came to Michigan about 1844 and took up some Government land in Burton Township.

Nine children have come to our subject and his wife. Those living are Ellie, wife of C. F. Jerome; Cora, wife of Edgar Richmond, now in Oregon; Susan, who died at the age of twenty-three years;

Phebe, wife of James Morrish, of Burton Township; Eben lives in Burton Township, this County; Bertha lives at home, and Dick. Our subject was originally a Republican. Later he became an Independent, but is now a Prohibitionist. He helped organize the party in this State. Both he and his wife are deeply religious but are not united with any church, although they were baptized under the Christian order. Mr. Richards is the owner of three hundred and ten acres of land in this township and has six hundred and forty acres near Bismarck, N. Dak. He has a fine house and barns upon the place where he lives, and altogether an exceedingly pleasant home. He began making cheese about 1865 and his annual product is from seventy-five to ninety tons. He takes the milk from a large scope of country, and owns thirty cows. His place is known as Richards Factory.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Richards appears in connection with this biographical notice.

CHARLES F. GEE. The Imlay City *Times* enjoys the largest circulation of any paper ever published in that place, and is a welcome guest in many homes. It was started by Mr. Gee in November, 1888, as a seven-column folio, but is now a six-column quarto, and a bright, newsy paper, reflecting the opinions of its able editor and publisher, and of a corps of writers whose names are well known in the literary world. Having had considerable journalistic experience prior to embarking as an editor, Mr. Gee is familiar with the best methods of conducting a paper, and is recognized as one of the leading members of his profession in Lapeer County.

Alexander Gee, father of our subject, was born in the township of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, this State, and upon reaching mature years was married to Ann Artley, a native of Canton, Wayne County, Mich. Being a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the Detroit Annual Conference, he never remained long in any place, and hence our subject had few educational advantages in his youth. Four children comprised the parental family: Charles F. was born December 14, 1857, at Lakeport, St. Clair County, this State, and claims that the reason for his great love of the water is to be found in the fact that he was born within sight of it. He gained his education in a desultory fashion in the different places where he resided, but after he was eighteen years old he attended a good graded school two years, also had the advantage of one term at the State Normal at Ypsilanti, and a course in Cleary's Business College at the latter place.

January 6, 1880, our subject, accompanied by his brother E. F., who is four years his junior, came to Imlay City, and started the *Herald*. Mr. Gee was quite able to assume such responsibilities, as he had thoroughly learned the printing business and worked in several offices at odd times until he embarked in business for himself. After managing the *Herald* for one year, with his brother, he bought the latter's interest, and three and one-half years later sold to H. H. Lyons. He then removed to Port Huron and canvassed for the Port Huron *Tribune*; worked in the offices at Ypsilanti; leased the Centreville (St. Joseph County), *Republican*, and in July, 1888, came back to Imlay City, where he has since resided.

Mr. Gee was married, January 4, 1881, to Miss Etta C., daughter of William S. and Delila Weir. In his social relations he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Daughters of Rebecca, and the Knights of the Maccabees. Every human being is said to have a mania for collecting, and Mr. Gee is particularly interested in making a collection of postage stamps, having nearly fifteen hundred different specimens at the present time.

ROBERT CRAIG. One of the most valuable and highly improved farms of Millington Township, Tuscola County, is owned and cultivated by the gentleman whose name we have just given, and he is one of the thrifty and intelligent farmers of this section of Michigan who being and reared on the other side of

the Atlantic, and was born in Ireland March 5, 1849. His parents, Samuel and Margaret Craig, lived and died in the old country, and they reared four children, a son and three daughters.

The father of our subject carried on the double vocation of a weaver and distiller, and did not live to attain an old age, as he died when our subject was only five years of age. The mother did not long survive the loss of her companion. In his native land our subject made his home until after he had grown to manhood, and there he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits for some time and also acquired the trade of a mason, serving an apprenticeship for five years; and after this he followed that line of work throughout his residence in his native land.

Robert Craig finally decided that he must emigrate to the New World, where he could have better opportunities for progress and for making his way in life, and he came to America in 1871. In Tuscola County he made a settlement, purchasing forty acres of land which he now owns. In 1879 he was united in marriage at Millington with Lois Farnum, a native of Tuscola County and a daughter of Moses and Ellen Farnum, residents of Michigan for a number of years and early settlers of Millington Township. Mr. Farnum is thoroughly representative of one of the best elements of the citizens of Michigan and is one of those who many years ago took up Government land and has brought the wilderness into a state of prosperity and thorough cultivation. His land comprised three hundred and twenty acres, and it is now one of the finest farms in the township.

Our subject and his wife have adopted a daughter, Lulu Elsmore Craig, in whose companionship they hope to have great comfort and delight in their declining years, when that period of life shall come. Most of the land which Mr. Craig took upon coming here he has himself cleared of trees, and he has been active in pioneer work. He is a Master Mason and a member of Vassar Lodge, No. 163, and is independent in politics. The office of School Treasurer has been filled by him for ten years, and he is deeply interested in school affairs, as his desire is that the young people of Tuscola County, and especially of Millington Township, shall have every opportunity and advantage that can be obtained for them. His education was received in this country; he attended the district school six months and the High School at Bay City four months, and in completing his studies he took four months in Parson's Business College at Bay City.

DANIEL ORR. This prominent and intelligent gentleman, who was born August 25, 1849, in Lotbinger County, New Armagh Township, Canada, is a son of Andrew and Mary Ann (Summerville) Orr, who were both natives of Ireland and emigrated to Canada in their childhood. The father was by occupation a farmer and upon his farm this youth spent most of his days until he reached the age of sixteen. His education was but a limited one, as most of his time was passed in work, and after coming to North Branch, Lapeer County, he worked for his board during two winters, while attending school. He was next employed in the market business and in 1874 he entered the hardware trade in partnership with John Appleman, with whom he remained for two years and then pursued the business alone. Besides the general hardware business he has engaged in dealing in lumber, hides and old iron.

In addition to this line of business Mr. Orr has been extensively engaged in handling live stock, such as horses and cattle. Housebuilding has largely engaged his attention and he has had many contracts of this kind, besides being deeply interested in the flouring industries in this county.

On the 19th of January, 1875, Daniel Orr and Martha Hugill, of North Branch, were united in marriage and they are now the happy parents of five children, all of whom are living, namely: Octie Lloyd, Addison Clair, Mabel Lula, Mary Mildred and DeWitt Preston. The political convictions of Mr. Orr kept him for many years in line with the rank and file of the Republican party, but quite recently he has decided to vote with the Prohibitionists, as he believes that the demolition of the saloon power is the next great problem to

be solved in the political history of this country. While intelligently interested in all matters of public import he is not at all an office-seeker although he has held the position of Councilman. Both he and his excellent wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is also prominently identified with the Knights of Honor and the Good Templars. He takes an active interest in educational matters, and aids with his influence and efforts to advance the prosperity of the schools of North Branch.

DEXTER HORTON, of Fenton, is a man whose fine personal qualities and character no less than his public services make him a worthy subject for the pen of the biographer. He was born at Groveland, Oakland County, this State, June 24, 1836, and his father, Henry Wisner Horton, was born at Owego, N. Y., May 31, 1797. The grandfather, Joseph Lee Horton, took to wife Hannah Todd, and he was of the seventh generation from Barnabas Horton, who came over in the ship "Swallow," from Leicester, England, and landed at Hampton, Mass. In 1640 he built the first frame house in the eastern part of Long Island. He was a warm advocate of religious freedom and a man of deep and genuine piety.

Henry W. Horton was married at Canfield N. J., January 31, 1819, to Adah Jennings, who died January 20, 1856. She was the mother of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, two of whom died in early childhood, and one son, Emerson C., died at Richmond, Mo. It was in 1830 when the parents of our subject removed with three children from Royalton, Niagara County, N. Y., to Michigan, intending to settle in Genesee County, but on account of the terrible condition of the roads and the slow pace of his ox-team, he was greatly delayed and upon reaching Flint he learned that the land he had selected had been taken by John Todd, and he consequently located upon three hundred and sixty acres in what was then known as Pleasant Valley, Groveland Township, Oakland County. There he resided during the remainder of his life, and died fifty-four years after coming to Michigan. The township was organized in April, 1836, and he was its first Clerk and afterward Supervisor, and was Justice of the Peace for twenty-two years.

On the 20th of September, 1856, the father of our subject was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary E. Losee, widow of Isaac J. Losee, who proved to him a faithful and devoted wife, who died in June, 1890. He died in 1886, at the age of eighty-eight and with him passed away the last of the early settlers of the township. He was one of the original stockholders who owned the Oakland *Chronicle*, one of the first newspapers in Michigan. He was an active Abolitionist before the war, and a Republican to the core, and ever took a firm stand against the use of and traffic in intoxicating liquors. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Groveland ever found in him an active worker, and he donated to its use a liberal portion of land for the erection of the church. The poor and the wayfarer ever found in his home a welcome, and every needy one was welcome to food and lodging. His was "the ministers' home" for all itinerant preachers.

Maj. Horton was born in the log house built by his father, and was reared upon the farm, taking his early education in the district schools and afterward being sent at the age of fourteen to Albion College, but there his reputation for a mischief maker was so pronounced that his course was cut short. He was acknowledged to be a good student, and besides excelling in his studies, was well liked by teachers and pupils, but his irrepressible love for fun led to his expulsion from the school. When he left college he was President of the Eclectic Society. Farming summers and teaching winters occupied his time until he reached his majority, and he then took up his residence in Fenton.

During the Presidential campaign of 1860, this young man took an active part in promoting the election of Abraham Lincoln, and after Lincoln's inauguration, he applied for the office of Postmaster of this village, which he received, although his opponent had the endorsement of the member of Congress from this District.

From boyhood this young man was an active

and shrewd worker in politics, voting first with the Whig party, but becoming a Republican upon the organization of that party. During the war he was one of the most interested workers in holding meetings and recruiting men throughout this region, and in 1863 joined the Light Horse Artillery of the Army of the Potomac, and in 1864 received an appointment from President Lincoln as Captain of the United States Volunteers, in which capacity he was with the armies of Tennessee and Georgia until the close of the war. He participated in the Atlanta campaign, marched with Sherman to the sea and took part in his subsequent campaigns in the Carolinas, being promoted for efficient and meritorious service to the rank of a Major. At the close of the war he was re-appointed Postmaster, but for political reasons was removed from this office by President Johnson. He was a delegate to the Soldiers' Convention at Chicago that nominated Gen. Grant for the Presidency.

In 1867 Maj. Horton was appointed Assistant Sergeant-at Arms of the State Senate, and two years later he was the Representative in the State Legislature from this district and two years after received the nomination again, and came within thirty-one votes of being elected. When he first located at Fenton his capital consisted of two colts and fifteen bags of corn; he has been successful from year to year in business and for more than twenty years has successfully conducted a business in the line of agricultural implements, and is now one of the largest retail dealers in this part of the State, and since 1875 has been more or less interested in farming.

Maj. Horton was married in 1864, to Miss Lavinia Losee, a native of New York, who came with her parents to Michigan at an early day, and settled in Springfield, Oakland County. The five children who have blessed this union are: Glen, who died at the age of five months; Mary A., who is now the wife of H. H. Rackham, an attorney of Detroit; Mabel F., who is the wife of Z. D. Patterson, an attorney and clerk in the Pension Department at Washington, D. C., Bryson D. and Myra, who are at home with their parents.

With various important interests of Genesee County Maj. Horton is closely identified. At the present time he is President of the Fenton Agricultural Society, Fenton Electric and Power Company, Genesee County Pioneer Society, Chief of the Fire Department, and Foreman in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. For fifteen years he was a member of the School Board and its President twelve years. As President of the village he was the first man to issue a proclamation, calling the people together to take the necessary steps to observe Memorial Day. He was also the only President of the village who has ever vetoed measures and ordinances passed by the Council, giving his reasons in writing, and in each case his veto was sustained. He was the first Commander of Col. Fenton Post, G. A. R., holding the position seven years. A camp of Sons of Veterans has been organized in Fenton bearing his name. He was a delegate to the G. A. R. National Encampment at San Francisco, Cal., in 1886, and also at Boston in 1890, and is one of the most energetic and hard-working Grand Army men in this section of the State, talking for it, believing in it and working for it.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT. Flint Township, Genesee County, is one of the richest portions of that favored section of a favored State. It is sufficiently watered and is crossed by railroads and highways which lead to fine markets where the products of the country are sure to find their way and, best of all, the land is in the hands of men who are anxious to do perfect agricultural work. One of these agriculturists is he whose name appears above. He was born in Henrietta, Monroe County, N. Y., January 19, 1830. He was a little over a year old when his parents removed to Orleans County, and lived there until the spring of 1844, when they removed to Niagara, N. Y., where our subject remained until he came to Michigan.

William H. Swift was reared on a farm and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He owns a tract of eighty acres which, although not considerable is highly productive, made so by his indus-

try and enterprise. He came to Oakland County, Mich., in the fall of 1871, and lived there for two and a half years, thence coming to Genesee County, and purchased the farm on which he now resides.

Our subject was married in Pontiac, Oakland County, January 19, 1864, to Miss Lucy French, a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Swift) French, both now deceased. Mrs. Lucy Swift was born in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, January 14, 1844. She grew to womanhood in the town of Atlas, having been adopted into the family of the late Dr. E. G. Dale, who died in Vermont. He was an old practitioner in Atlas Township and a man who stood high in the esteem of all. He was elected to the legislature and served for two terms. Mr. and Mr. Swift are the parents of two children: Mary L., who is the wife of John H. Farley, and Hattie E., who died in childhood. Mr. Swift is a Democrat in his political views. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious views. They have adopted a son into their family, who is by name Clarence H.; he has been with them since he was three years of age. Mr. Swift's farm is made attractive by a good class of buildings and everything about the place is neat and bespeaks the thorough management of its owner, who is a public-spirited, frank, open-hearted man.

JAMES H. HERRICK. The gentleman who resides on section 33, Flint Township, Genesee County, is one of the older native-born residents of this vicinity. His present home was also his birthplace, it being the place of residence of his parents, the Rev. A. and Lydia (Van Steenburgh) Herrick. His natal day was January 9, 1843. His father, who was a native of Ashtabula County, Ohio, there born about 1822, was engaged in the ministry, having been ordained about 1846. He was of the Presbyterian persuasion. Our subject's mother was a native of Ulster County, N. Y., being there born about 1826.

The original of our sketch was reared to manhood in his native place with the exception of five years, during which his parents made their home in Oakland County. He was educated in the common schools and has always followed agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of eighty acres of land upon which he has erected a first-class set of buildings. He was married in Mundy Township, Genesee County, January 1, 1862, to Miss Marietta Williams, a daughter of the late Jeremiah T. Williams, of the same place. Her mother's maiden name was Louise M. Rix. They both passed away from this life from Gaines Township, this county. Mrs. Marietta Herrick was born in Rochester, N. Y., July 9, 1844. They have one living child, a daughter, Amy L. E., who is at home with her parents. One son, Freddie J., who was born to this estimable couple passed away in infancy.

Mr. Herrick has held the office of Justice of the Peace for one term. He has taken a fairly active part in political affairs and crosses the lines of two original parties by voting with the Prohibitionists, who receive his hearty sympathy and co-operation. He was formerly a member of the Republican party. He takes an active part in church matters and, with his wife, is connected with the Methodist Episcopal body. For the past thirty years he has filled the office of Steward in his church, and has been the Superintendent of the Sunday-school the greater part of the time for twenty-five years. He is one of the Trustees of the church and is frequently sent to conference as a lay delegate. Mr. Herrick has a very pleasant home, the house having been recently erected, and he and his wife have taken the greatest pleasure in its building, they having furnished their own plans. Mr. Herrick has been and is now one of the School Board, in which he takes great interest.

THOMAS JEFFREY. The agricultural interests of Tuscola County find a worthy representative in this gentleman, who is the owner and resident upon the well-cultivated farm on section 14, Koylton Township. He was born in Ayrshire, Western Scotland, in 1827, and is a son of William and Margaret Jeffrey. His pa-

ternal grandparents were David and Jane (Gilmore) Jeffrey, and he traces his lineage to Richard Cammerion, a minister, who was his great-grandfather on his Grandmother Cammerion's side, and who was martyred in Scotland. Another great-grandfather, John Shields, was beheaded in Kilmarnoch, and was likewise a martyr for the cause of Christ. Both these ancestors were at the head of the church at the time of the persecution in Scotland.

William Jeffrey, was born in 1802, in the same place as our subject, and after receiving a common-school education served an apprenticeship to the baker's trade, which he followed during the remainder of his life. He married Margaret Shields, a daughter of Thomas and Jean (Cammerion) Shields, and dying while still in the prime of life, our subject was left as the sole comfort of his mother. Thomas Jeffrey received his education at the Commercial Academy, finishing his course at the age of fourteen years. He then served seven years at an apprenticeship to the trade of upholstering furniture, and while in his native land patiently and faithfully pursued his trade.

In 1855 our subject emigrated to Canada, and was there employed as he was at home for a period of one year. He then came to the United States and located in Sanilac County, Mich., remaining there for nine years, and although located on a farm, each winter was spent in teaching school. He also devoted one winter to teaching after coming to Tuscola County, but since 1865 has turned his attention strictly to his farming.

Mr. Jeffrey took unto himself a wife in 1851, when he was married to Janet A., daughter of John and Ann (Cunningham) Howie. To our subject and his wife have been born five children, whose names are: Maggie S., John H., Thomas S., Margaret S. and Anna C. Thomas Jeffrey and his wife are both members of the Church of Scotland. Our subject has held various township offices since his residence in Michigan. He was Town Clerk for nine years in Marlette Township, Sanilac County, and held the same office for two years in Koylton. He has also served as School Inspector for several years, and has helped to organize all the school districts of the township and located buildings. He taught the first school organized in Marlette Township and had an enrollment of twenty-five pupils.

EDWARD CUMMINGS. We are gratified to be able to present to our readers the life narrative of another member of this valued family, whose record in the county has placed them in the fore rank. He is a farmer and stock-raiser and a native of the county, being born here January 3, 1845. His parents, Lewis and Elsie Cummings, were natives of New York and came here in the Territorial days, making their home in Atlas Township, Genesee County, and settling in the woods, where they encountered and bravely overcame the ordinary difficulties of pioneer life.

Lewis Cummings was thrice married and of the children born to him the following are now living: Rachel, Orlando, Loretta, Stephen and Edward. These are by the first marriage and George H. and Nellie Cummings are of the third. His death, in 1883, deprived the county of one of its most earnest and useful pioneers and a vigorous and progressive citizen. In the youth of our subject he took part in the labors of his pioneer father and was active in the farm work. Many an acre of virgin soil has he broken with ox-teams and his schooling was taken in the district schools of this township. His advantages were not extensive and he has found it necessary to supplement the learning thus acquired by a thorough and persistent course of reading.

He of whom we write, like his brothers, did his share in defending our Nation's flag during the days of the Civil War and enlisted under President Lincoln's last call for volunteers as a private in Company I, Thirtieth Michigan Infantry. The regiment went to Detroit and was there under drill doing guard duty, but as the war soon closed this young man was never called upon to go onto the battle-field. After his return from this short experience of military life he settled upon the farm which is now his home and was married in 1866,

to Susan Dalby, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah C. (Paxson) Dalby, natives of Pennsylvania and New York respectively. They are both deceased, and were the parents of ten children, of whom eight are living. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have six children, namely: Willie L.; Everett, and Eva, twins; Elsie, Oscar and Trent.

The beautiful farm of our subject comprises two hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, which is well cultivated and most productive. His success in life has been largely due to his own system, thoroughness and perseverance, and while he is a Republican in his political affiliations he is ever ready to join with any of his neighbors in movements which are calculated to enhance the prosperity of the township and elevate the social atmosphere of the neighborhood.

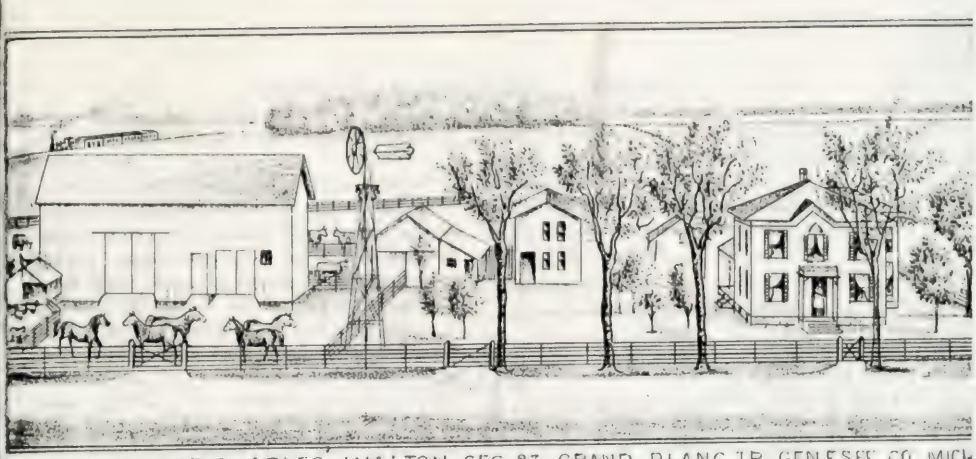
DREW RIES is a worthy representative of a family, the members of which are distinguished for their sterling traits of character, business foresight, tact and talent. He owns a fine farm on section 33, Atlas Township, where he was born in 1841, September 26. He is a son of Andrew and Mary (Liscomb) Ries, the former a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., and the latter likewise born in the Empire State. They came to Michigan in 1836, settling in Atlas Township, Genesee County, when there were few white neighbors and the country was wild and uncultivated. On coming to this State Andrew Ries took the route through Canada, making the entire distance with a yoke of cattle. His goods were shipped to Detroit but on arriving in that city, they were burned, entailing a severe loss upon Mr. Ries, as he carried no insurance.

Seven children were born to Andrew and Mary Ries, of whom four are living at the present time, namely: Perry, Henry, Myron and Drew. Their first home here was a log cabin built in the woods and they experienced all the disadvantages and drawbacks to pioneer life. Our subject was reared to the political faith of a Republican as that was his father's politics. Andrew Ries died June 9, 1890, the event being the sad result of an accidental shot from a Winchester rifle in the hands of a grandson. His wife had died in 1876. Their decease was greatly deplored as they were prominent members among the old settlers.

Our subject received his early education in the district schools of this vicinity and was here reared to manhood's estate. An intelligent and thoughtful man, he has made much of the small advantages in acquiring knowledge that have been extended to him. He learned the blacksmith's trade and has set up a forge and anvil upon his own farm, doing his own blacksmithing and odd jobs for his neighbors. He is a natural mechanic and evidences of his skill are apparent on his place. The eighty acres of land which he owns are under thoroughly good cultivation, and the comfortable fortune of which he is now the possessor has been acquired by steady and constant labor. In 1883 he made a trip West, going as far as San Francisco, and after making a tour through twenty-four different States and Territories, he returned home in 1885. One of the thrifty, intelligent and progressive agriculturists of Genesee County, he is a public-spirited man to whom the public good is very dear.

On another page is presented a view of the pleasant homestead belonging to Mr. Ries, and where almost his entire life has been passed in active labor.

NORMAN D. McNEIL. This volume would be incomplete did it not include life sketches of representative men of Scotch descent who have taken so prominent a part in the early development of this country; and there is not one of these families more worthy of our consideration than that of the McNeils. The present representative is a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Grand Blanc Township and is a native of this, Genesee County, being born here April 8, 1848. His parents, David and Jane (Davison) McNeil,



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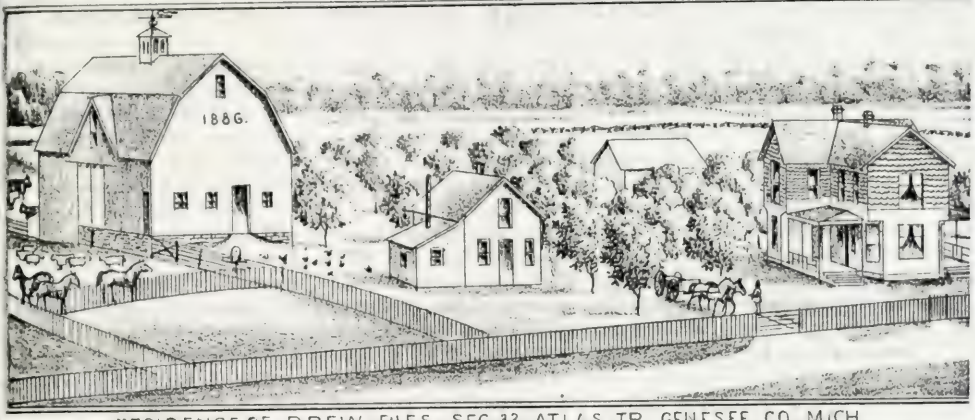

RESIDENCE OF DREW RIES, SEC. 33., ATLAS TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

RESIDENCE OF NORMAN D. Mc NEIL, SEC. 25., GRAND BLANC TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

were born, the father in Vermont and the mother in New York.

It was in the '40s when the father emigrated to Michigan by way of the Erie Canal and Lake Erie, and after one year in Lapeer County they came to Genesee County and settled upon section 36, of Grand Blanc Township, on the farm now owned by Arthur G. McNeil, the brother of our subject. The first home was in a shanty, but after marriage the young man built a more comfortable log house. His bride was Jane Davison, daughter of Judge Norman Davison, an early settler of Atlas Township. Their five children were Ellen (wife of Sherman Townsend) Norman D., Arthur G., George D. and one who died in childhood.

David McNeil was a Democrat in his political preferences and a public spirited and useful man in the community. He died several years ago, and some time previous to his demise his good wife preceded him to the spirit land. Their loss was greatly felt in the community as they had done their full share in pioneering, and had the esteem of all who had been brought into social and business relations with them.

The hard work of a primitive farm and the drill of the district school filled up the routine of life of our subject during his boyhood. He had the benefit of but one term at the Flint High School, and is in a measure self-educated, having been an extensive reader. Miss Linda Wilton became his bride April 8, 1879. She is a native of Michigan and a daughter of Robert and Belinda Wilton, of Flat Rock, Mich. By this union there were born three children, Vernon W., Mabel L. and Malcolm N.

One hundred and sixty acres of richly cultivated land forms the home farm of Mr. McNeil. Here he raises Merino sheep and Chester-white hogs and makes a specialty of raising driving horses. In 1870 he went to Neosho County, Kan., and settled on a farm there where he did genuine pioneer work. He spent one winter in California as his health seemed to require such a change of climate, but the remainder of his life time he has made Genesee County his home. He is now serving as School Moderator of his district and is a public spirited member of the community. As an agriculturist he feels a deep interest in every organization which is formed to promote the interests of this class and has for some time been an active member of the Patrons of Industry.

In another portion of this volume appears a view of the attractive residence which is the home of Mr. and Mrs. McNeil.

CHARLES WALTON is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser residing upon section 27, Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. He is a native of Brooklyn, Long Island, N. Y., and was born June 14, 1826, to Peter and Maria Walton. His father was a native of Switzerland, and enjoyed the splendid military drill as a cavalryman under the great French General, Napoleon. Our subject's parents emigrated to America and settled in Livingston County, N. Y. After making a residence there for eighteen years, they removed to Genesee County, N. Y., where the decease of both took place.

Our subject was reared to manhood's estate in his native place. He received his education in the district schools which ranked well among the educational institutions of that day, and although the advantages were somewhat limited compared with those the children of the present day enjoy, he made the most of every opportunity, and to-day ranks among his fellows as an intelligent, well-informed man. After becoming a resident of this State our subject was married July 3, 1856, to Miss Mary J. Hurd, a native of Connecticut.

By this union our subject has become the father of four children: Elva, wife of Willie Butts; Bradley H.; Leila B., wife of Henry Cameron; and Ernest C. After their marriage our subject and his wife made their home for several years in New York, and then came to Oakland County, Mich., making their residence there for five years. From that place they proceeded to Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, in 1868, and have here resided ever since. Mr. Walton owns a fine farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres of good and arable land. A view of this place is shown on another page. He is a self-made man in the

truest sense of the word and by his high sense of honor and his appreciation of the rights of others, holds a high place in the regard of his fellow-townsmen. He has been accorded several local offices, having served as School Director, Assessor and Moderator of his school district. During the late war when the money was being raised to pay bounties, he gave very liberally, and never failed to contribute his share of the necessary amount.

Our subject and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are both people of advanced ideas, who are not content to allow the progress of events to leave them in the rear. Politically he gives the weight of his vote and influence to the Prohibition party, and in all his political relations favors purity of the individual rather than party power. He ranks among the influential, thrifty and successful agriculturists of Grand Blanc Township, and his family is one of the representative ones of this portion of the county.

ANDREW JOHNSON. This prominent farmer of Metamora Township, Lapeer County, whose home is on section 35, is a son of James H. and Clarisa (Crippen) Johnson, the former a native of Vermont and the latter a New Yorker. He was a farmer and a soldier in the War of 1812, in which he received a wound and was taken prisoner, but was exchanged at the time peace was declared. He lived until 1863, and his wife survived him three years. Of their nine children seven are now living. They were both Close Communion Baptists.

He of whom we write was born March 1, 1820, in Cayuga County, N. Y., and there grew to manhood, receiving a common-school education and living at home until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he came to Michigan, and settling in Lapeer County in 1848 made this his home for a short time. He found various means of employment, such as farm work and chopping in the woods, and was for some time in Washtenaw County. Beginning in 1848 he was for three winters employed in the district schools as a teacher, working on the farm during the summer time in Livingston County. He taught ten terms of school in the early days in this vicinity, and is thus looked upon as a veteran in the educational field.

Sophia Jane Jenkins became the wife of Mr. Johnson, March 2, 1848. Her parents, James and Polly (Dole) Jenkins, were New Yorkers by birth, though of foreign parentage, his parents being Welsh and her's Scotch-Irish. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and later became a farmer. He came to Michigan from New York in 1838, and made his home upon the place which is now the family residence, but which was then in an uncultivated condition, with plenty of Indians but no white neighbors. In a log house on this two hundred acres of oak openings, they made their home until his death.

The widow of James Jenkins had hard work to keep her family of three children together, (the youngest died six weeks after its father's death) but she was earnest and ambitious, and by means of her loom she earned what was necessary to supplement the support of the farm. She was a fine manager, and had the assistance of her eldest son, who was then twelve years of age. She lived to see all her children grow to maturity and be well-established in the world, and died in 1853. Her two children who are now living are: Lester E., who lives in Iowa, and Mrs. Johnson. One son, James O. Jenkins, was a soldier in the Seventh Illinois Volunteers, and died from disease during the first year of his service, leaving a wife and two children. Mr. Jenkins was a Universalist in his religious belief, and in politics he was in line with the Whig party. He was a School Inspector and Highway Commissioner.

Mrs. Johnson was born, February 21, 1831, in Erie County, N. Y., and received a common-school education, being a member of the first school which was established in this district. Her father was a great friend of education, and a promoter of all movements in that direction. Since marriage she has always lived upon the farm, which is now her home. Three of her five children still live: James H., who married Ada Williams, and with her and their four children lives in Metamora Village; Ju-

liet, who lives in this township, and is the wife of Adam Laidlaw, and the mother of two children; Jennie A., now Mrs. Byron Mahaffy, and the mother of two children.

Mrs. Johnson has a farm of two hundred acres, one hundred and twenty-five of which are under cultivation, and all this has been cleared off by him, and the buildings which are now there are of his erection. Stumps and stones in large quantities have had to be removed from the land, but he now has it in an excellent state, and is carrying on general farming most prosperously. Some good Durhams, Poland-China hogs, registered, and very nearly full-blooded Percherons may be found upon this beautiful estate. To the children were granted the best advantages for education that were to be found in the common schools, and two of them have been teachers. The office of School Inspector has been his, and for forty years he has been kept on the School Board. His politics are of the Democratic persuasion, and he has been Road Overseer here a long time, also a member of the Grange.

There were many hard times experienced in the early days by this pioneer family, and it was with difficulty that Mr. Johnson gathered together the money needed to pay for his land, and he doubts what the result would have been were it not for the generous help of Richard Morse and Deborah Brown, who believed in and trusted him. Pontiac was then their nearest market, and ox-teams their only mode of conveyance. Many a time he yoked up his oxen at 2 A. M., so that he might finish the trip to the market town in two nights and a day, and the first breaking of the virgin soil which he saw done was with eight yoke of oxen and one pair of horses, by Spencer & Williams, of the township of Webster, Washtenaw County, and this magnificent outfit succeeded in plowing two acres a day. The most rigid economy was practiced by these brave people, but notwithstanding they suffered for many of the necessities of life. While in Livingston County he came very near being drowned in the Yellow River, which is a branch of the Shiawassee River.

The first death in this part of the township was that of the father of Mrs. Johnson, who was killed by an accidental fall from a load of wheat. He was a very prominent man here in his day, and one who is well remembered by the older citizens. When Mr. Johnson was teaching, an epidemic of smallpox broke out in the neighborhood, and the authorities had to act in regard to the safety of the school children. Dr. Comstock, of whom our readers will find an interesting sketch under the name of his daughter, was called in to vaccinate the whole school.

SYLVANUS H. DWELLEY, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Tuscola County, has a good piece of land in Watertown Township, on section 21, where many conveniences may be seen. He was born in East Machias, Me., March 26, 1841, and is a son of Stephen and Phœbe (Hanscom) Dwelley, the father a native of Maine, where he lived and died. The mother was also a native of Maine and to her and her husband were born seven sons and one daughter. Mr. Dwelley was a farmer by occupation, which calling he found to be very remunerative.

The grandfather of our subject was Joseph Dwelley, also a native of Maine. He followed the honorable calling of an agriculturist. Stephen Dwelley, the father of our subject, was a prominent man in his locality and held several township offices. He and his wife were liberal and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were respected wherever known.

The gentleman of whom we write was reared in his native State and there received a fair education. In 1861, when twenty-three years of age he came to Michigan and resided in East Saginaw for four years, following during that time the occupation of a lumberman. He was married in Flint to Miss Betsey J. Harris, a native of Maine, and a daughter of Stephen Harris, a native also of the same State. Mrs. Dwelley was one of a family of five sons and three daughters born to her parents, and her father combined the occupation of a farmer with that of surveyor and scaler. He lived and died in his native State.

Mr. Dwelley of this sketch became the father of

three children—Mary E., Bessie H. and Arthur, all of whom are living. Mary E. is a student at Albion College; the other children remain at home with their parents. Mr. Dwelley came to Watertown Township in 1869, and settled on eighty acres of land. This he sold soon after and purchased another tract of two hundred acres which he now owns. He has cleared this last acreage with the exception of sixty acres and has erected upon the place a good residence built in 1888, and carries on the work of a general farmer.

In a social way Mr. Dwelley is a Knight of the Maccabees, being identified with Dewitt Lodge at Millington, of which he has been a member about ten years. Our subject and his amiable wife are Methodists in their religious beliefs, in which body they are active members. The Democrats number him among their enthusiastic followers and he has been honored with various school offices in his district. Mr. Dwelley enlisted in Company H, Twenty-eighth Maine Infantry, in September, 1862, and served bravely and faithfully one year, when he was honorably discharged. He participated in the following well-known engagements: siege of Port Hudson, Ft. Butler, and numerous skirmishes through Louisiana and Florida. He enjoys the confidence of the business community and is regarded as one of the most trustworthy citizens of the township.

REUBEN W. SAGE, the Postmaster of Mundy, Genesee County, was born in Erie County, N. Y., July 30, 1833. When about two years old he removed with his parents to Michigan, settling in Macomb County, and he lived there until he was some sixteen years old, passing his boyhood days upon the farm. At that age he came with his parents to Oakland County and settled in Addison, where he lived with them until 1852, at which time he purchased sixty acres in the south part of Mundy Township, and the following spring built a log house upon his property, which he occupied for twenty-five years. At the end of that time he erected a modern and attractive home, which is now his place of residence.

Farming has been the chief business of Mr. Sage's life and he now owns one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land. He was married in Addison, Oakland County, this State, October 30, 1854, to Fannie L. Kingsbury, who was born in Addison, August 3, 1837. The following children have blessed this home, Edwin A., who married Ardilla Covert; James L., who took to wife Nancy Kelley (now deceased); Charles W., who married Maggie Penny; and Elvert E., who was killed June 9, 1891, while assisting in raising a barn on his father's farm in Mundy Township, being then nineteen years old.

For eight years Mr. Sage has filled the office of Justice of the Peace and he was appointed Postmaster under Cleveland's administration, in 1886, and has held that office since. He formerly acted with the Republican party, but of late years has been a Prohibitionist, and takes an active part in political movements. The Methodist Episcopal Church is the religious body with which Mr. and Mrs. Sage are connected and he has held the office of Class-Leader since 1872.

Mr. Sage enlisted in July, 1862, in Company C, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and served for three years, taking part in all the battles in which that regiment was engaged. Among them we may mention Campbell Station, siege of Knoxville, Resaca, Dallas, Lost Mountain, Kenesaw, the siege of Atlanta, Columbia, Franklin, Nashville, Spring Hill, Goldsboro, Ft. Anderson and Wilmington. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was mustered out of the service at Salisbury, N. C., receiving his discharge at Detroit, and left the service with greatly impaired health.

The father of Mrs. Sage was the Rev. Leonard Kingsbury, and her mother bore the maiden name of Esther Wilson. Both of them were New Yorkers, the mother being born at Crown Point. Mr. Kingsbury was a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church. They both died in Addison, Oakland County, and left eight children, of whom Mrs. Sage is the youngest.

The parents of Mr. Sage were James and Nancy (Spofford) Sage, the former a native of Connecti-

cut and the latter a New Yorker. He was a weaver by trade, but devoted his life mostly to farming. He died in Addison, but his faithful companion, who survived him, expired at the home of her son, our subject, in Mundy Township. They were the parents of six children and their son Reuben was the third in order of age. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Sage is the center of a delightful social life and the members of this family are deservedly popular and esteemed by their neighbors throughout the township and the county.

CYRUS PHELPS is engaged in the hardware business in Flushing, Genesee County, and without doubt has the largest establishment of the kind in the town. Mr. Phelps was born in Genesee County, N. Y., in 1837, and is a son of Cyrus, Sr., and Sarah M. (Bailey) Phelps, natives of Connecticut. Our subject's father was engaged in farming in Genesee County, N. Y., where he lived throughout his life. He held the office of Supervisor at the time of his death, and has been Assessor for a great many years. He was a Republican of pronounced type, and Captain of a militia company in Connecticut, always going by the name of Capt. Phelps. He and his wife were members of the Universalist Church.

Cyrus Phelps, Jr., is one of a family of nine children, six of whom are now living. They are: Henry, Louisa, Sarah, Harvey, he of whom we write and Esther. Our subject was educated in his native county, in the township of Corfu. He was reared a farmer boy and lived at home until twenty-two years of age, at which time he went to Southern Illinois, and was engaged in Washington County in work on a farm. He remained there until the fall of 1861, when he enlisted in the month of May in Company E, Tenth Illinois Infantry, in which he was appointed Corporal. He served for three years, and in 1863 was promoted to the office of Sergeant. He took part in the following battles: Raymond, Miss., Jackson, Champion Hills, and was all through the Siege of Vicksburg and Mission Ridge, and was also in many skirmishes. He was in the hospital two or three times, and at Vicksburg received a close call, his hat being shot off his head, and he himself being knocked down.

On his discharge from the army our subject went to Buffalo, N. Y., and there worked for the United States Express Company for fourteen years. His health failing he went to Illinois and located about eighty miles south of Chicago, in Iroquois County, and was there engaged in farming, remaining until 1888. He then sold his farming interests and came to Flushing, and the next spring became engaged in his present business. He has a large trade in both village and country.

Our subject was married in 1866 to Miss Janie Davis, of Illinois. The lady is a daughter of Cornelius and Sibyl A. Davis, natives of New York. They removed to Illinois and became engaged in farming in Will County, and later in Southern Illinois, where they remained until their decease. Our subject is the father of two children—Nettie M. and Merton D. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is one of the most enterprising and prominent business men of Flushing.

REUBEN E. WATSON is an enterprising and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Atlas Township, Genesee County. His farm is located on section 12. He is a native of Ontario, Canada, and was born April 17, 1837, being a son of Joseph and Priscilla (Eaves) Watson. His father was a native of London, England, and the mother a native of Pennsylvania. The former died in Canada and the latter at the home of our subject, since he came to Atlas Township.

Reuben E. Watson was reared to manhood in his native country. When about nineteen years of age he began to learn the blacksmith's trade and followed it for about four years, spending the remainder of his life thus far in farming. He received the rudiments of his education in the district schools of Canada and grew up there to sturdy young manhood. He was married December 9, 1868, to Miss Isabella Gunn, a native of the

same place as himself. She was a daughter of Jane and Margaret Gunn. By this union there have been born three children, John J., Herbert T. and Mary E.

In the summer of 1883 our subject with his family came to Genesee County and settled on his present farm, where he has ever since been a resident. He here owns eighty acres of good land. He is a Republican in politics and a profound believer in the protective policy as advanced by that party. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church of Hadley, in which they are both active and efficient. Socially Mr. Watson belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a public spirited and enterprising man and is now serving as School Director in his district. He and his wife are both favorites in society.

NEIL MATHESON. This representative farmer of Marathon Township, Lapeer County, had his nativity in the Highlands of Scotland April 20, 1826, his early home being in Southerlandshire. His parents, Hugh and Janet (McKay) Matheson, were both Scotch by birth and came to Oxford County, Canada, in 1835, bringing this son with them. In that province they remained until after the death of the father, who passed from life at the age of sixty-six. Neil was the fourth in the order of birth in a large family of eleven children, and all of these are now living with the exception of two.

Our subject commenced working for himself after reaching his majority and was generally employed in sawmills. Upon the 8th of May, 1855, he came to Lapeer and bought one hundred and forty acres, being the north-west quarter of section 1. This was Government land and was still in its wild condition. A year later he moved onto this farm and to it he has added from time to time by purchase until he now owns four hundred acres entirely unincumbered, the land lying in three different townships.

The commodious and pleasant home of Mr. Matheson consists of a large two-story brick house built in three divisions, one part measuring 18x18 feet, another 18x26 and the larger part 18x28. It has a cellar underneath the whole house and is heated by a furnace. An eight-foot stone wall is underneath both of his fine large barns, the larger one of which measures 40x70 feet and the smaller one 38x40.

This fine estate of two hundred and forty-five acres is rich and well cultivated land and upon it he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He keeps good stock and has an English-shire horse and has raised some of the fastest horses in the State, a branch of business in which he takes great interest and in which he has a justifiable pride.

Our subject was married in 1854 to Miss Margaret Brown, daughter of William Brown. Mrs. Matheson is a native of Ireland and she has been the mother of three children, only one of whom is now living, namely: Hugh, who is living on his father's farm. Mr. Matheson has been identified with every movement of importance for the improvement of the township and county and is a truly public-spirited citizen.

JOHN SMITH. By long years of arduous work Mr. Smith was able to accumulate a handsome property and in his last years lived retired from the active pursuits of his former calling, that of a farmer. In his pleasant home in Grand Blanc he enjoyed the good things of life, and with genial neighbors communed over what was past as well as the present and the future. His death occurred November 19, 1891. Mr. Smith was a native of New Jersey, having been born in Sussex County, November 10, 1813. He was a son of Estel and Mary (Tisdale) Smith. His maternal grandsire was an Englishman and a Baptist minister, who emigrated to Sussex County, N. J., from his native land and there died at an advanced age.

Our subject was reared to maturity in his native county and State. His father was a blacksmith and

the sound of his hammer might be heard ringing against the anvil from early morn until dewy eve. He remained under the parental roof until he was seventeen years old and then began to learn his father's trade, which he followed for several years. He had previously received a fair, common-school education. Although denied advanced educational work, he was well read and was posted on all the current events of the day and an intelligent conversationalist.

Our subject was married October 2, 1834, his bride being Miss Adelia Pierson, who was born in Avon, N. Y. She is a daughter of David Pierson, and a sister of C. C. Pierson of Flint; Mich. By this union there have been born three children—Charles P., Rose and Dimis C. In the fall of 1853 with his family, our subject removed to Genesee County and located in Grand Blanc Township on section 8. He purchased and improved the farm and made it the place of beauty that it is to-day. Mr. Smith was a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having in early life made his first and best start unaided and without special encouragement. At the time of his death he owned a fine farm of ninety acres, besides having given his children one hundred and seventy acres. He and his wife, who was his able co-worker, accumulated the greater part of their property since becoming residents of this county. Although Mr. Smith followed farming all his active life, at times he did odd bits of blacksmithing for friends and neighbors, having set up his shop on his own farm in which he did all of his own repairing of machines and shoeing of horses.

Mr. Smith affiliated with the Republican party, finding in it principles and theories that to him were most practical. Mr. Smith was not only enterprising, but public-spirited. All progressive movements appealed to him strongly and found from him support. He was a member of the Baptist Church, to which his wife belongs. Socially he was very popular in the community, being hospitable, warm hearted and generous. He served as Deacon and Clerk in his church and was ready to fill any public position for which he felt himself fitted.

Mrs. Smith was born in Avon, N. Y., June 30, 1815, and is a daughter of David and Huldah (Churchill) Pierson. Her parents were natives of Vermont and of the eleven children born to them the following only survive: Mrs. R. Halsey of Grand Blanc; Mrs. Smith, Mrs. A. J. Brainbridge, Charles C., Mrs. D. Lacey, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. E. B. Rust, Mrs. Day, Delos D. and Ephraim J. Mrs. Smith received a good common-school education which fitted her well for her sphere in life. She came with her husband to this State in 1853.

JAMES POLLOCK. Our subject is a resident of Flint Township, Genesee County, having a valuable farm located on section 22. He was born in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N. Y., August 31, 1820, and there lived until he was about seventeen years of age, when he removed to the western part of New York State, and soon afterward came to Oakland County, Mich., which was his place of residence until August, 1865, when he came to Genesee County and settled on his present farm.

Mr. Pollock was married in Orion, Oakland County, this State, March 10, 1852, to Miss Susan E. Parkhurst. The was born in Orleans County, N. Y., May 22, 1833. They have been the parents of three children—Charles H., Margaret J. (Mrs. Warren Sheldon) and Franklin A. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and at the present time is the owner of eighty acres of land which is in every way in an excellent condition. He has erected upon it a good house and has thereon a comfortable and well-built set of buildings.

In politics our subject is a Republican, believing that party to be the exponent of the best governmental principles. He is liberal in his religious views. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor. Mr. Pollock is a son of George and May Pollock. Their decease occurred in Amsterdam, N. Y. Mrs. Pollock's parents were Henry and Margaret (Weldon) Parkhurst. They died in Flint Township where they had been old settlers for several years. Their children are

substantial and worthy representatives of a good family. Both sons are heads of families, Charles H. having married Minnie Ditslock; Franklin A. married Cora Mayfield.

ALFRED E. PERRY. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is one of the firm of Perry Bros. & Co., dealers in dry-goods and groceries in the village of Flushing. Mr. Perry is a native of Alden Township, Erie County, N. Y., and was born October 15, 1823, and is a son of Chester and Cynthia (Davis) Perry. The mother was a daughter of Gen. Davis who figured conspicuously in the War of 1812. They were natives of Massachusetts and New York respectively. Our subject's father was a clothier and came to Ypsilanti in 1821. For twenty years he was the proprietor of an hotel in that city, which then contained only three or four log shanties. During the latter part of the old gentleman's life he was engaged in farming four miles from Toledo, Ohio. He remained there until his death, which occurred in 1888, he being at the time eighty-seven years of age. The mother died in Ypsilanti at the age of eighty-one years. Our subject's grandparents were Isaac and Mary (Tiffany) Perry, natives of Massachusetts. The father was a Revolutionary soldier and had five children. He was of English descent and a strong Jackson man. In his religious belief he held to universal salvation for all men.

Our subject's maternal grandparents were Gen. Daniel and Naomi (LaBaron) Davis, natives of Massachusetts and Connecticut respectively. He was a large farmer and was killed at Ft. Erie in 1814. He was of Welsh descent and his wife of French extraction. Our subject's father was a prominent man in his locality and widely known. He had a family of five children three of whom are living—he of whom we write, Imogene and Adelaide.

Alfred Perry came with his parents to Ypsilanti when but eleven months old. He was educated in that town and lived at home until reaching his majority. In 1849 he took a trip to the gold fields and returned in 1852, having been reasonably successful. Later he came to Flushing and was extensively engaged in the lumber business. He built a sawmill on the Flint River at Flushing and continued in that business for about twenty-five years.

For the past ten years Mr. Perry has been engaged in the mercantile business in partnership with his sons. They built their fine block, which is 22x80 feet in dimensions and two stories in height. It is constructed of brick and is an imposing building. They have besides built two fine dwellings. Our subject was married in 1848 to Miss Susan Welsh, of Pittsfield, Washtenaw County. She is a daughter of Isaac and Fanny Welsh. By this union our subject has become the father of five children. They are Arthur, Walter, Edmund, Ada and Minnie. The original of our sketch is a Democrat in his political convictions. Socially he is a Mason. He is a man of strong temperance principles and is one whose influence for good is felt throughout the community.

JOHN MARSHALL is a farmer on section 12, Almont Township, Lapeer County, where he has three hundred and twenty acres of good and arable land. He was born in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 25, 1812, and is the son of Charles and Mary (Baird) Marshall. His father moved from Edinburgh to Paisley, a manufacturing town in the southwestern part of Scotland. Our subject, however, returned to Edinburgh where his brother Charles was attending college, and in that city learned the art of pattern-drawing which he followed a number of years. He was also engaged in the manufacture of shawls, for which the city to which his parents had removed is famous.

He of whom we write was united in the bonds of wedlock when about twenty-five years old to Miss Janet Spiers, their marriage being solemnized June 25, 1839. He and his wife with their infant child Charles, came to America in 1842, proceeding direct to Michigan and settling in Almont Town-

Henry H Northrop

ship, Lapeer County, where they purchased forty acres of Government land. This our subject began to clear, although he was entirely inexperienced in agricultural work and found some difficulty in learning to use an ax. He, however, learned gradually and in about four years sold his place for $100 and purchased eighty acres where he now lives. Since coming to this location he has added piece by piece other land and has cleared off about one hundred acres.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of six sons and two daughters, whose names are as follows: Charles S., John S., James S., William S. David S., Joseph S., Janet S., Elizabeth S. John runs a sawmill in Imlay City, his brother Joseph being partner in the same; James died in the Colorado mines, losing his life in a snow slide; William and his brother Charles are millers in Imlay City; David is a storekeeper in the same place; Janet married George H. Hallock and makes her home with our subject; Elizabeth married Edward Hallock who is a farmer in Almont Township. Our subject's wife died July 6, 1878. He voted the Democratic ticket until 1860, when he cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln and has ever since been a Republican. He was once elected as Highway Commissioner, but refused to serve, and was also elected Drain Commissioner. Our subject is a member of the Church of the New Jerusalem, as are also his children.

REV. HENRY HORATIO NORTHROP as a preacher is a well-balanced, deeply-feeling, deeply-thinking man, one who reasons soberly and evenly and never runs to extremes; he is very straightforward in his manner of reading, praying and preaching. He strives not for effect, beyond giving the full meaning and spirit of the Word. His heart is filled with love for his fellow-men, and his creed is that all the doctrines and duties of religion are from the heart of a loving Father and Redeemer. He is now the pioneer Presbyterian minister of Michigan, and although now having no pastoral charge, is a Presbyterial missionary of the Presbytery of Flint. Personally, he is strongly built, and of a healthy wide-awake temperament. His voice is of great distinctness and volume and can be heard in the largest auditorium and is unusually pleasing. In connection with this notice his portrait appears on another page.

The Rev. Mr. Northrop was born in Galway, Saratoga County, N. Y., June 13, 1814. He is a son of Dr. Booth and Huldah (Shepard) Northrop, who were natives of Newtown, Conn., and of English descent. Dr. Northrop was a student under Dr. Shepard of Connecticut and in 1810 was licensed a physician and surgeon and located at Galway, N. Y. He practiced there twenty-seven years and then removed to Medina, Orleans County, N. Y., where he died at the age of forty-nine years. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in his political belief, and an Old School Presbyterian. Our subject's mother was a daughter of Amos Shepard, a farmer by calling and of English descent, his ancestors having come from England about 1640. Mrs. Northrop, died in Elgin, Ill., and is interred at Medina, Orleans County, N. Y. She was the mother of six children, there being three boys and three girls. Their names are: Amelia, Rebecca, George C., Huldah, Byron B. and our subject, who is the eldest of the family.

After taking a preparatory course at Fairfield Academy, Mr. Northrop entered Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., two years in advance, when eighteen years of age. He graduated there in the Class of '34 when twenty years old, taking the highest honors of his class of sixty-six members and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then became Principal of the academy of Guilford in Chenango County, and in 1834, after teaching six months, entered the Auburn Presbyterian Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1837 and was licensed to preach in April of the same year, not yet being twenty-three years of age. His ministerial career began at Millville, near Medina, N. Y., and while there he received a call from Dexter, Mich., which he accepted. He journeyed in primitive fashion by boat and stage for over three days. He preached in Dexter and in Lima for three years and then accepted a call to White Pig-

con in 1844, where he remained for four years. In 1845 he was called to Homer, in 1849 to Monroe, where his health became impaired and he took a vacation of a year from his ministerial work, during which he was associated with A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York City, publishers, and he was given the charge of the firm's business in Michigan. In 1852 he received a call from Flint, which he accepted and was installed pastor December 15, 1854, and elected one of the Regents of the University of Michigan, serving until the expiration of his term of office. His pastorate in Flint extended until January, 1868. In March, 1862, he was appointed Chaplain for the Thirteenth Michigan Infantry by Gov. Blair and joined his regiment on the battlefield of Shiloh. He was with his regiment until just before the battle of Corinth when he was taken with typhoid fever and finally carried to Evansville, where his wife came to care for him. He was discharged on a surgeon's certificate for disability, from diseases which he contracted in the service and from which he has never fully recovered, and resumed his pastoral work in Flint.

In January, 1868, the Rev. Mr. Northrop received a call to Grand Rapids and remained there four years and while there was appointed District Secretary of the Board of Church Erection of the Presbyterian Church for Michigan, Indiana and Ohio. He attended to this in connection with his church work. In the fall of 1870 he was elected Financial Agent of Wabash (Ind.) College, but declined, continuing his pastoral work at Grand Rapids, a church which when they called him was depressed and discouraged, having a debt of over $11,000 and an unfinished church edifice which cost $40,000 to complete, and when he resigned the debt was removed and edifice completed. Mr. Northrup has been Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Saginaw from its organization till 1870, when the New School and the Old School bodies became united, and until the last two or three years has been chairman of the committee on Home Missions of the Saginaw and later of the Flint Presbytery. In 1873 he resigned his pastorate at Grand Rapids and since then has been engaged in the Presbyterian home missionary work. He was Chairman of the Synodical Committee of the burnt district of Michigan and raised funds to build nine churches and did his work gratuitously. He was appointed financial agent of the Michigan Female Seminary at Kalamazoo and with Dr. Pierson's aid raised $18,000 and thus saved the institution. In 1878 he was one of the founders of the Wequetousing Resort Association, located on the northern shore of Little Traverse Bay and for the past three years has been President of the Association.

Our subject was married in Waterloo, N. Y., November 16, 1837, to Miss Marrietta Wood, who was born in Otsego County, N. Y., in January, 1812. Their union has been blessed by the advent of six children: Henry B., who died at the age of twenty years; Elizabeth, Mrs. E. Smith; Jenny, who died at the age of fifteen; Alice M., Mrs. Wheeling, of Flint; Helen, who died when thirteen years of age, and George W., who died when eleven years of age. Our subject is Past Chaplain of Gov. Crapo Post, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican. He has always been a strong advocate of temperance and delivered his first temperance lecture at the age of eighteen years, and has labored ever since in the cause as he has found opportunity.

Our subject came to this State without a dollar. He began housekeeping in a hut in the woods and used to walk a distance of from five to twenty miles to the places where he was appointed to preach. He has held many a revival in a log schoolhouse. While pastor at White Pigeon a lad of fifteen years came to our subject, begging him to do "chores" for his board that he might go to school in the winter. The boy came and witnessed a "Donation Party" which gave him matter for many a discourse in later life. That lad has since been known as the late Gov. Bagley, of Michigan. Mr. Northrop, in the course of his ministry in Michigan, has officiated at more than one thousand funerals during the last fifty-three years of his labors, and for the last fifteen years he has done all his work gratuitously.

CHARLES H. YERKES. This thrifty farmer of Gaines Township, Genesee County, was born in Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y., May 1, 1838. There he grew to manhood and

lived until the spring of 1861, following farming which has been his life work. During that season he came to Genesee County, Mich., and has ever since been a resident of this township.

The marriage of Mr. Yerkes with Miss Addie Brown took place in Vernon, Shiawassee County, this State, although the lady is a native of New York. One hundred and thirty acres formed the fine farm upon which the young couple settled on section 33, Gaines Township. Mr. Yerkes has never been an office seeker although he is an earnest member of the Republican party. During the war he was drafted into the army but as it did not seem expedient for him to go he furnished a substitute.

Joseph Yerkes, the father of our subject, came to Genesee County the same season as did his son and took up his residence in Gaines Township, which remained his home until August, 1884, when he was called to a higher life. His good wife, whose maiden name was Roslinda Brown, died in Ontario County, N. Y. His father was Samuel Yerkes, and like this son was a native of Pennsylvania. He died in Farmington, Ontario County, N. Y. The family is of German stock and the first representatives thereof in America made their home in Philadelphia. The members of this family are leading representatives in all social circles of the township and their beautiful home is a favorite resort for their neighbors and friends. Mr. Yerkes' reputation as a man of character and integrity gives him the confidence of the business community.

WILLIAM FOALE. Among the many British-American citizens of Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County, none is more worthy of our notice than the one whose name heads this sketch. His birth took place June 22, 1828, in Ashburton, Devonshire, England, so that he has now reached the advanced age of sixty-three years, although he does not call himself an old man and is still active and useful in his work. The father, William Foale, was also born in Devonshire.

Our subject came to this country many years ago and settled in Milwaukee, Wis., July 5, 1848, but after living there for two years returned East and made his home in New York for two years and then in 1853 again came West as far as Toledo, Ohio. It was November 1, 1855, when he finally established himself in Michigan, making his home in Flint, where he undertook his trade as a brick and stonemason and a builder. There he constructed some of the best buildings in the town, among which are the courthouse, the city hall, the Fenton Block, Awannaga Hall, Hamilton's mill, and numerous others of note. He became greatly interested in the country and purchased a farm of two hundred acres, on section 30, Mt. Morris Township.

Upon this well-improved property Mr. Foale went to live in March, 1870, and continued the improvement of the property. The country was then rough, and Indians and wild game abounded, and as he had the tastes of a huntsman he found opportunity for indulging his love for the chase and practicing as a marksman. He has devoted himself considerably to the raising of thoroughbreds and Short horns, besides general stock. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and in his early political interests was a Whig, casting his first vote for Taylor. He later embraced the doctrines of the Republican party to which he is still warmly attached.

He of whom we write is identified with the Masonic order and belongs to Lodge No. 129, at Bay City. He entered the order at Flint where he belonged to Lodge No. 23. The good wife, who journeyed side by side with this citizen of Mt. Morris, was in her maidenhood known as Ruth Hart, being a daughter of John Hart, of Lincolnshire England. Her father died December 28, 1868, at the home of William Foale, at Mt. Morris, and was then eighty-two years of age. He was a carpenter by trade and came to Milwaukee, Wis., in 1845, with thirteen children.

The five children whom our subject has reared to maturity are E. H. Foale, now in the gravel and roofing business at East Saginaw, Mich.; Charles Hart; Mary Hart (deceased); Lillie Hart, now Mrs. David M. Smith; and William Hart.

The mother of this household was called from earth October 15, 1890, at the age of sixty-five.

Mr. Foale started in life with almost nothing and now has attained a comfortable competence, owning two hundred and eighty acres of land besides a house and lot in Bay City and Block No. 14, in Flint. He is now engaged in gravel and slate roofing in Flint and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Bay City, in which he also serves as Trustee. Mr. Foale was again married April 14, 1891, to Jessie Coutts.

HARVEY SHAVER. There are few residents of Tuscola County better known or more popular in social or business circles than this gentleman, with whose history many important and interesting events are intermingled. He owns and occupies a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 20, Juniata Township, and may usually be found at this place industriously engaged in the duties of his calling. A view of his residence, which is an attractive one, is presented in another portion of this volume, and with its pleasant surroundings, the estate forms a picture of rural comfort not soon to be forgotten.

The ancestors of Mr. Shaver have always been distinguished for valor and patriotism. His maternal grandfather, Peter Balinger, who was a native of Herkimer County, N. Y., served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was in the troops commanded by Gen. Washington. On the paternal side, his grandfather was Henry Shaver, a native of Germany, whose nine sons all fought in the war for American independence and passed through the war without bodily injury. Henry Shaver was a millwright by trade and erected four of the first mills that were built in western New York. At the close of the war five of his sons located in the Southern States, and four remained in the North, there becoming influential and public-spirited citizens.

The immediate progenitors of our subject were Joseph and Mary (Balinger) Shaver. Their son Harvey was born February 28, 1820, and at the age of eight years accompanied his parents to Niagara County, N. Y. There he grew to manhood on a farm, enjoying but limited educational advantages and until he was twenty-six years old he worked for his father. He established a home of his own February 1, 1845, when he was united in marriage with Rosina Osborn, daughter of Henry Osborn of Herkimer County, N. Y. Five children were born to them four of whom are now living—Menzo, who resides in Bay County; Milton, who lives in Guilford Township, this county; Lilly, who married a Mr. Grumney and lives in Huron County and Alonzo, in Vassar Township. The other child died in 1864.

In 1868 Mr. Shaver was again married, choosing as his wife Miss Eunice Knapp, a native of Oswego County, N. Y. By this union Mr. Shaver has become the father of four children, as follows—Flora married Mr. Eskerson and lives in Tuscola County; May became the wife of Alfred Fisk and makes her home in Bay County; Harvey A., Jr., is still at home with his parents; and one child is deceased. Mr. Shaver came to Tuscola County in 1865 and purchased the land where he now lives and which has been his home ever since its purchase. He has cleared it all with the exception of a small sugar bush which is the finest in this section of country. Politically he is a Republican. He served for seven years as a drummer in the New York militia, but has never aspired to political honors. His pleasant home is presided over with dignity by an estimable wife, who is a model housekeeper and makes her home thoroughly attractive.

HARVEY C. WEAVER. The young farmers of Tuscola County have in this progressive young gentleman a fine representative who, by force of character and wise management of his interests, has already placed himself among the substantial members of the agricultural community of Elkland Township. He has acquired signal success in his calling and has on section 28

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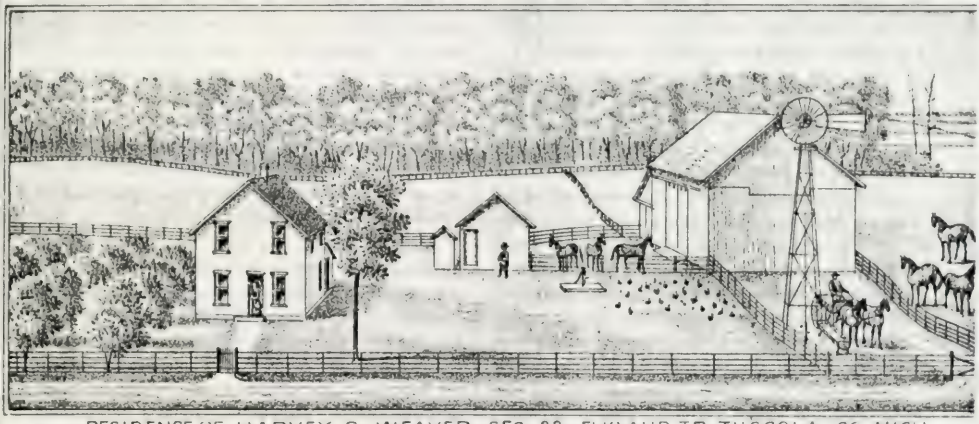

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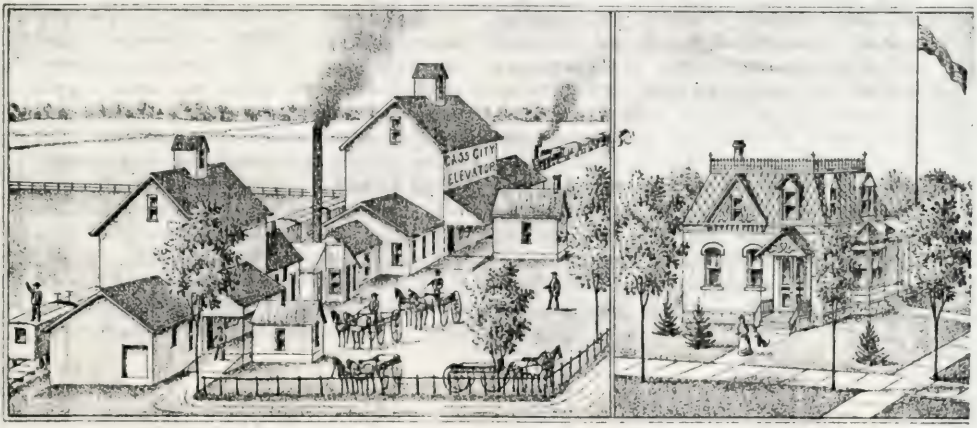

RESIDENCE & BUSINESS PROPERTY OF A. G. BERNEY, CASS CITY, MICHIGAN.

a beautiful farm of one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred of which are under cultivation and in a high state of improvement. A view of this homestead, with its principal buildings, is shown in connection with this biographical sketch.

From across the border line in the British possessions Michigan has received many who have become her adopted sons and have each in his own line done good service in building up the industrial and commercial prosperity of this State. Mr. Weaver was born in Woodhouse Township, Norfolk County, Ontario, Canada, on December 18, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Magdalene (Lambier) Weaver. His father and mother were likewise natives of Canada, the former born in Louth Township, County Welland, and the mother Cauga Township, County Haldimand. Thomas Weaver was in his early life a carpenter and joiner and in later years a farmer, being considered one of Elkland's most thorough and efficient citizens. He was successful in his business ventures and at his death September 16, 1891, left a good property. He had taken part in the Civil Rebellion of Canada and served with the Government troops under Col. Clark.

In his boyhood days our subject received good common-school advantages, although after he was large enough to aid in the farm work he devoted his summers to tilling the soil and studied only in the winter seasons. At the age of eighteen he ceased to attend school and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. In the cultivation of his farm he is thrifty and is one of those who can secure good crops even under disadvantageous circumstances. While engaged in general farming he also finds time to devote to stock-raising and breeds only graded stock. He came to Michigan with his parents in October, 1879, being then twenty-five years old, and located on his present estate. Together with his father he owned a tract of forty acres on section 15, Elkland Township, and the latter also owned a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 27.

In his political views Mr. Weaver is strongly inclined to sympathize with the declarations which are given in the platform of the Democratic party, although he earnestly sympathizes with the principles and policy of that party he takes only a quiet part in political matters, preferring to devote himself to agricultural affairs and hoping to make his work promote the prosperity of the township by its thoroughness and system. The happy home which he has ever found with his mother has proved so congenial that he has not been tempted to establish a home of his home, which is a matter of regret to the friends who so well know his excellent qualities.

ANSON G. BERNEY. The commercial interests of Cass City are largely in the hands of a class of men whose ability and character have done much for this city and promise excellent progress in the future. Among them is the gentleman of whom we now write who has been for some years engaged in merchandise and the grain trade here and whose standing in the community is high and his standing excellent. He was born in Renfrew County, Canada, March 8, 1835, and is a son of Daniel and Mary E. (McGee) Berney who were both born in Ireland, his father coming thence to Canada at the age of fourteen years and the mother when she was eighteen. Daniel Berney was a minister of the Congregational Church and gave to his son an excellent common-school education.

Anson Berney attended school regularly until he arrived at the age of fifteen and at the age of eighteen began working for wages in Canada, following this line of work for six years. He then began the sale of various publications in his native county after which he entered upon the manufacture of musical instruments about the year 1860, and made of this business a good success, pursuing it for some four years. Meanwhile he added a general stock of merchandise and established himself in Wroxeter, Huron County, Canada, thus continued until 1864, when he came to the State and located in Port Sanilac, Sanilac County, Mich. There he acted as salesman for a short time and then began traveling, selling musical instruments.

In 1871 Mr. Berney entered into the business of general merchandising with Mr. U. Raymond, opening up a general stock of goods and coming to Cass City in 1884, where he engaged in the grain business. During the same year he built his first-class grain elevator and four years later bought the elevator which had been built by F. Miller & Co. In both these establishments he carries on a general grain business.

October 8, 1862, Mr. Berney was married to Mary E. Outwater of Rawdon, Hastings County, Canada. She is the daughter of Peter Outwater, a farmer by occupation. As far as the question of tariff goes Mr. Berney is a free trader and his temperance views bring him into the line with the Prohibition party. In religous matters he is Presbyterian and he and his family attend that church.

The attention of the reader is invited to the view which may be found elsewhere in this volume of the residence and business establishment of Mr. Berney.

GOODENOUGH TOWNSEND. A number of notable members of the State Pioneer Association make their home in Davis Township, Genesee County, and there is none of this number who is more worthy the pen of the biographer than he whose name we have now given, one whose life has been a continuous record of truth and uprightness, of kindness to neighbors and battling for the right and for the elevation of his fellowmen. He was born October 18, 1812 in Wheelock, Caledonia County, Vt., and is a son of Isaiah and Polly J. (Woodcock) Townsend who were natives of New Hampshire but came to Caledonia, Vermont. When our subject grew to be nine years old they moved to Addison County, and remained ten years.

In 1832 the parents moved to Monroe County, N. Y. and settled in the township of Ogden where they followed farming and where the mother died October 18, 1841. The following year the father came to Michigan and made his home with his children, until his death in April, 1850, when he was sixty-five years old. The grandfather Thomas Townsend, of Massachusetts, was a Revolutionary soldier, who went with Benedict Arnold to Quebec and died October 14, 1844. The family originated with three brothers who came from England and settled in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and the great grandfather of our subject belonged to the Massachusetts branch of the family and was a ship builder and sea captain.

Goodenough Townsend is the eldest in a family of nine children, five of whom are living. He had good educational advantages until he reached the age of twelve years and after that went to school for three months each winter till he was fourteen, and at eighteen attended the Middlebury Academy. At the age of twenty-two he began teaching school which he continued for seven years, teaching in the log schoolhouses of Michigan.

In migrating to Michigan Mr. Townsend took boat to Toledo and from there walked through fifteen counties of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan to Genesee County, where he took up his present farm from the Government in the summer of 1836 and is now one of the three survivors of the first voters of the township. He built a log shanty which became his home after marriage.

Mr. Townsend was on the 18th of November, 1840 united in marriage with Mary A. Fish of Kortright Township, Delaware County, N. Y., where she was born February 23, 1819. This lady was a daughter of Reuben and Fannie (Robinson) Fish, and with Mr. Townsend she lived in harmony and mutual labor throughout more than fifty years, dying April 15, 1891. Her education and native ability brought her to the front among the pioneer women of this county and her beautiful Christian character blessed all who came within the reach of its influence. In 1838 she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Flint and was one of the first seven members in that church at Davison. She ever maintained a firm, unwavering trust and confidence in her Heavenly Father and passed through the dark valley with rejoicing. In the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of her church she was an active worker as she was also in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, being an earnest advocate of the outlawry of the liquor traffic. She came with her parents to Michigan in 1837. She left seven children to mourn

her loss, namely: Eliza, Mrs. Ezra Ransom; Melanethon W. S.; Fannie E.; George W.; Juliet C., wife of Wilson S. Pratt of Oklahoma; Reuben F. and Mary.

The doctrines of the Whig party commended themselves to the judgment of Mr. Townsend and afterward he became one of the first men to organize the Republican party here and is now a stanch Prohibitionist. He was the first Supervisor of Davison Township, and served for twelve years as Clerk, and also for a number of years as Justice of the Peace, School Inspector and Highway Commissioner. He helped to organize the first Methodist Episcopal Society in this township of which he has since been a member. Upon his richly productive farm of one hundred and sixty acres stands his commodious frame house, which is the abode of peace and comfort. Both he and his excellent wife have been great readers and he is one of the most intelligent men in this vicinity. He believes that his habits of life and his strict devotion to temperance have added years to his prosperous and healthy life.

WILLIAM H. GIDDINGS is a prominent citizen of Atlas Township, Genesee County, residing on section 12. He is a native of the Wolverine State, having been born in Macomb County, November 17, 1855. He is a son of William and Fanny (Phillips) Giddings. His father was a native of Connecticut and the mother of New York State. William Giddings, Sr., emigrated with his family, in 1832, to Macomb County and was one of the first settlers there, making their home in the woods before there was a stick cut on the place and before there were roads. There were only Indian trails by which to trace their way through the woods and wolves and bears were numerous.

Our subject was one of three children, he only, however, surviving. His father served as Justice of the Peace and as Supervisor of Ray Township, Macomb County, and when the angel of death finally came it found him at the home of our subject, June 14, 1886. He was born in 1801. He of whom we write was reared in his native county and there lived until his nineteenth year, at which time he removed to Oakland County with his parents and made a stay of several years. Until twelve years of age he was brought up on a farm and then his father became the proprietor of an hotel at Ray Center, Macomb County.

When nineteen years of age our subject began to learn the carpenter and joiner's trade and followed it for seven years. In company with his father he subsequently ran a gristmill at Oakwood, Oakland County, which they continued for several years. He married Miss Mary Beardslee, May 6, 1858. She was born in Oakland County and is a daughter of James and Jane Beardslee, early pioneers of that locality and now deceased. By this union there were three children—Fanny J. (Mrs. N. E. Wortman), Cassius and Leah. For two years he also was engaged in the Lake Superior copper mines, following his trade there as a carpenter. He then returned to Oakwood, Mich., and for a time was in the foundry business and in 1873 he came to Genesee County and settled on a farm near Goodrich for a short time and then came to his present place. He owns a fine tract of eighty acres of land and has twenty acres in another county in this State. He is a self-made man and has been successful throughout his career. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mrs. Giddings is a member of the Congregational Church. They are both highly respected members of society and Mr. Giddings enjoys the fullest confidence of the business men with whom he has dealings.

JOHN McCANDLISH. He whose name appears above was formerly a prominent citizen of Atlas Township, Genesee County, and one of its foremost Scotch-American workers. He was born in Scotland, April 4, 1812, and is a son of William and Isabella (Ewing) McCandlish, both natives of Scotland. He was reared to manhood in his native country and when a

young man was principally engaged in gardening having received training as a landscape gardener He emigrated to America in 1826, having taken passage on a sailing vessel at Liverpool and after a voyage of nine weeks landed in Boston and spent some two years at gardening in Lowell, Mass. He thence went to Orange County, N. J., remaining for three years in that State and while there did a great deal of fine landscape gardening.

Mr. McCandlish then went to Dutchess County, N. Y., and after remaining for a short time there came to Genesee County, Mich., and in 1848 settled on the farm where his widow now resides. It is located on section 19, Atlas Township, and here he passed the remainder of his life, his decease occurring April 15, 1886. It must have been a pleasure to him from an artistic standpoint to have so magnificent a tract of country to display his skill and knowledge of nature upon, for the place was virgin timberland. He cleared it off, but not in the sense of the clearing of some farmers, for he left in the place where they were needed and would most beautify the landscape, the choice trees of the forest, and added to the features that were lacking, so that he made of it one of the most attractive places in the county. He came here as one of the early pioneers of the district.

Our subject was married November 27, 1843, to Miss Margaret Stiven, like himself, a native of Scotland. She was born May 18, 1822, and is a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Downey) Stiven, natives of Scotland. In 1841 she emigrated to America, taking passage in a sailing vessel of the Allen line, and after a voyage of five weeks landed in New York City. By their union eleven children have been born, of whom eight are living and named respectively: William, Mary, (Mrs. J. R. Macomber), Jane Robert, John, Colon, Allen and Stephen D. Our subject was a staunch Democrat in politics. He was highly esteemed as being a man of unflinching principle and of great purity as well as strength of purpose. He was a man of intelligence and was well educated. He enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a kind and loving husband and father and an obliging neighbor, whose example as well as precept had an elevating influence in the community. His departure left a blank not only in his own family but in the community at large.

The widow of Mr. McCandlish resides on the home farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of good land. As it stands it is the product of the latter and best part of his life's work. He was ably assisted in all his aims and ambitions by his wife. He was a typical Scottish-American citizen and as such was greatly esteemed.

CHARLES J. CASE, the present efficient and popular County Drainage Commissioner residing on section 33, Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, is a native of Macomb County, Mich., where he was born July 16, 1840. He is a son of Richard and Caroline (Clark) Case, both natives of New York, whence his father migrated to Macomb County, Mich., in 1838, and after doing pioneer work there he removed in 1845 to Oakland County, where he died June 2, 1882. His widow survives him and is now in her seventy-fourth year. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living, namely: Charles J., Nancy E. (deceased), Mary A. (wife of William Webster), Henry R. and Luman.

Charles J. Case grew to manhood here in Michigan, having had his education mostly in Oakland County, taking there also his training upon the farm. After attending the district school he studied in the Flint public school for nine terms and then began teaching in the district schools. He was married September 13, 1864, to Sarah J., daughter of Silas D., and Ruhamah C. (Pierson) Halsey. Her father came to Genesee County in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Case have been blessed with two children, Celia F., now the wife of W. J. McWain, and Marian.

In 1864, Mr. and Mrs. Case located in Grand Blanc Township, where they have since made their home upon eighty acres of fine land, which is in a thorough state of cultivation, and on which he raises Merino sheep. For six years this gen-

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tleman has served as School Inspector of the township, and for one year acted as Township Clerk, besides being Supervisor for two years. In the fall of 1889 he was elected County Drainage Commissioner and he assumed the duties of the office the following January. His political views have brought him into affiliation with the Republican party and throughout his public life he always favors everything looking to the upbuilding of the community. The Congregational Church claims both himself and wife as members and he is also a Church Trustee. All the family are active and esteemed members of society. His brother, Dr. H. R. Case, is the skillful and highly esteemed physician and surgeon, located at Grand Blanc.

RANSOM C. MYERS. The gentleman whose portrait appears on the opposite page is one of the loyal sons of America who came forward in the country's hour of need and offered their services, and life if need be, to preserve the oneness of the Union. He is now the owner and operator of a fine farm comprising one hundred and forty acres on section 14, Watertown Township, and is one of the best-known citizens of Tuscola County. A native of this State, he was born in Wayne County, March 1, 1841, and is the son of Solomon and Charlotte (Blackmore) Myers, both natives of New York, the father having been born in Lyons Township, Wayne County.

The parental family comprised eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. The father came to Michigan in 1830 and settled in Wayne County on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of Government land. In 1861 he sold his place and removed to Tuscola County, where his decease occurred in 1870; his wife passed away ten years later. Solomon Myers served as a private in the War of 1812 and many were the reminiscences that he related of those stirring times in American history. Both he and his wife were ardent Methodists. Our subject was reared in his native county until twenty-one years of age, when he came to Tuscola County and was here married to Hannah L. Chaplin, a native of Livingston County, this State, and a daughter of Henry S. and Rebecca (Sweet) Chaplin, natives of New York. They were the parents of four sons and three daughters, and although of the agricultural calling, their ancestors were also early patriots. Prior to the union mentioned H. S. Chaplin was married to Corina Fuller, by whom he became the father of one son.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born six children whose names are as follows: Henry S., George L., Fred, Ida B., Willie and Minnie. All reside in this township except Minnie and George L., the latter of whom is engaged in Ohio in the manufacture of butter and cheese. The eldest son, Henry S., who was born January 8, 1861, lived under the parental roof until after he was of age. He attended school in Adrian for one year and followed teaching until his marriage, which took place in Tuscola County, his bride being Miss Roxie L. Johnson, a native of Canada and a daughter of David D. Johnson, of whom a fuller history will be found elsewhere in this work. He makes his home in Watertown Township, and follows farming as his calling. He is a Master Mason, socially, belonging to the lodge at Mayville, and he is also a member of Fostoria Lodge, No. 22, I. O. O. F. In his political sentiments he is a Republican and has served as Township Clerk four years successively. He and his wife have two children, George H. and Clarence Roy.

Willie Myers, the fourth son of our subject, was married in Watertown Township to Lillian B. Sears, a native of Canada and a daughter of William Sears, also born in Canada. She was one of ten children born to her parents and is now the mother of one son, Clinton Ransom. George L. married Alice Gilson, of Ohio, and they have one daughter, Gertrude. Fred, the third child in order of birth, had the misfortune to lose his eyesight at the age of eighteen years. He and his sister, Ida B., are unmarried and at home. Minnie became the wife of Edwin E. Plain and resides in Genesee County, Mich.

In 1861 our subject came to Tuscola County and his father at that time gave him eighty acres of land. He has since added a tract containing sixty

acres and has erected good buildings on the place. Upon the estate he devotes himself to general farming and pays particular attention to the breeding of graded Merino sheep. In 1861 he enlisted in the army, joining Company C, Tenth Michigan Infantry. He received his discharge in 1862 and the following year re-enlisted in Company C, Tenth Michigan Cavalry with which he remained until the close of the war. He took part in the battle of Corinth and for a month previous was engaged in skirmishing. He was also a participant in the capture of Morgan and served as a Sergeant until the close of the hostilities. At Hickman Bridge, Ky., directly over the place where Daniel Boone's cave was said to be, he was wounded and lost his left arm.

Ever since the war Mr. Myers has been an ardent Republican. Socially he belonged to the St. Charles Lodge I. O. O. F., in Saginaw County, is a member of the Caro Encampment and the Fostoria Lodge, No. 33, K. O. T. M. He has held various local offices, having for nine years been Highway Commissioner and serving as Drain Commissioner for one year. He is also a member of the Board of Review. For a period of eight years he officiated as an itinerant minister in the Methodist Protestant Church, and has for many years been active in church work. He and his estimable wife and children hold a very high place in the esteem of their acquaintances and occupy a prominent position in social circles.

LUTHER P. BROWN resides upon a farm on section 4, Genesee Township, Genesee County. He was born in Canada near Brockville, September 17, 1832, and is a son of Luther Brown Sr., who was a native of New York, having been five years of age on going Canada with his parents. He was there reared until twenty-two years old and then went back to New York where he was united in marriage to our subject's mother, Rachel Jackson, whose nativity her son does not know. The young couple located in New York on a farm which they improved and cultivated and then traded it for another. They then removed to Canada and made that their home for about a year, returning, however, to New York where they spent the remainder of their lives, our subject's father being eighty-eight years old at the time of his decease, which occurred September 4, 1881. He was a Republican in politics and a progressive and public-spirited man.

Our subject's mother died at the age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of seven children, there being six sons and one daughter, six of whom are now living. They are Nathan, Nancy, Naham, Luther P., Francis and Benjamin. Our subject is the fourth child and third son of his father's family. He was reared in the United States, coming hither when but a year old and remaining until twenty-two years of age. He was subject to his father until twenty-one and then worked for himself as a farm laborer. He came to Michigan in 1854, first settling in the southern portion of the State where he was employed in the lumber woods. In 1865 our subject came to Genesee Township and in July of that year he purchased forty acres of raw land on section 9. This he has greatly improved, clearing out the stumps, fencing and erecting a good class of buildings upon it. He worked upon his farm in the summer and in the woods in the winter.

Our subject was married in 1862 to Miss Jane Devining, a native of this State. After marriage they located on section 9, on the small tract of forty acres which he was then engaged in improving. They remained there until 1876 when they sold the place to our subject's brother Nathan who still owns it. Mr. Brown then purchased the place where he now resides. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres upon which there were at first but few improvements. He has now all cleared with the exception of thirty-eight acres and has a pleasant residence which he built at a cost of $1500. He has good barns and all other improvements that go to make a first-class farm. Mrs. Jane Brown died October 18, 1876. She was the mother of one child—Samuel, who resides on section 4, adjoining his father's farm.

Our subject contracted a second marriage the

lady of his choice being Elizabeth Allen, the widow of Charles Foote. Mr. Brown is an adherent of the Republican party. He has been School Director and also Moderator and is a member of the Helping Hand Society.

ALONZO FORBES. Born at a time and in a class of life to which the luxuries of existence were unknown, and where there seemed but small prospect of accumulating any large amount of wealth, our subject early made a determination that he would land as near the top rung of the ladder of success as push, perseverance and pluck would take him, and today after years of effort and enterprise he can confidently say that he has fulfilled his youthful intention and that he has been the architect of his own fortunes. Mr. Forbes was born in Penfield N. Y., April 30, 1829. He is a son of Jefferson and Mary (Roscobough) Forbes. The former was a carpenter. He emigrated to Michigan in 1824 and located in Shelby, Macomb County, and worked at his trade; he died in 1840, his wife having preceded him by five years.

Our subject is the elder of two children, both of whom are living. He received a liberal education and began working out at the age of twelve years, receiving a shilling a day for his labor and later rising in the value of his services to $1 per month. He worked in this way for about five years and then began buying cattle and butchering in Sterling, Macomb County and continued in this business for fifteen years. In the meantime he purchased a farm which he improved and bought and sold land to quite a considerable extent.

Mr. Forbes came to Fenton about 1876 and engaged in pork-packing for about two years. He then launched into the clothing business, in which he has since continued. He occupies in his business a two and half story brick building of which he is the owner and carries a complete line of ready-made clothing, which finds a ready sale.

Our subject was married in 1856, his bride being Miss Mary J. Aldrich, of Sterling, Macomb County. They have become the parents of one child, Mariam G. He of whom we write is a Republican in politics. For many years he has dealt extensively in wool, his experience in this direction embracing twenty-seven years and during the past year he has handled one hundred and thirty thousand pounds of wool. As his mother's decease occurred when the lad was but five years of age and his father's when he was but eleven, the boy was thrown at a very early age upon his own resources. Doubtless the responsibility that was forced upon him was not without its good effect, for he has proved to be a man who is equal to any emergency.

GEORGE H. BEACH. The interests of our subject in a business way are varied. He is a farmer, residing on section 33, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, where he owns eighty acres of land and is also the proprietor of a sawmill at Watrousville Station. He is a son of Liberty and Hannah (Gaylord) Beach, natives of Madison County, N. Y., where George H. was born December 22, 1824. He was reared upon a farm and in his early boyhood came with his parents to Michigan as a pioneer and settled in Wayne County. He well recollects when Detroit was only a very small village and when paved streets were unthought of.

Our subject was the eldest child in the parental family. They are by name, George H., Clarissa, Liberty, Ira, Almeda and Mary P. George remained at home until nineteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself. He began to work at fifty cents per day, but soon did better. January 2, 1851, he was happily married to Miss Betsey Culver, a daughter of Orrisseen Culver, a native of New York State, where Mrs. Beach was born, October 19, 1825. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children, Newton, who was born March 25, 1849, and married Lilly Lawrence March 24, 1875; they are the parents of four children, Roy, May, Ralph and Helen. The other child was Avilla, who married Edgar Lapham and

died in 1879, leaving two children. The elder, a boy of about fifteen years, lives with his grandfather Lapham in Lenawee County, and the younger, a girl of twelve years, receives the tender care of our subject and his wife, with whom she lives.

Our subject came to Tuscola County in 1883 and settled at Watrousville, and four years ago he built the sawmill and he and his son Newton together conduct the same. He is an old mill man and has an experience in the work that extends over fifty years. Although advanced in years Mr. Beach still operates his own farm. He built a fine dwelling on section 33, in 1886, and the son another on section 28, where he has forty acres. Politically he is a Republican, as is also his son. In their church affiliations they are Methodists.

ALBERT B. VAN VLEET. Among the many patriotic citizens of Gaines Township, Genesee County, who in the time of their nation's struggles shouldered the musket and went into the battlefield, we are pleased to name Mr. Van Vleet, who enlisted August 13, 1862, although less than twenty years of age, in Company K, Twenty-third Regiment Michigan Infantry, and served three years under the stars and stripes.

James Van Vleet, the father of our subject, came to Genesee County with his wife, Mary Ann Cooley, about the year 1841, migrating hither from Seneca County, N. Y., and settling in Gaines Township, where they lived until 1868, when they removed to Flint, which has since been their home. Our subject is the eldest of six children and was born in Varrick, Seneca County, N. Y., October 9, 1842. His boyhood days were spent in Gaines Township after his second year, at which time he came West with his parents and he has here carried on the business of farming since he grew to maturity.

During his military career Mr. Van Vleet took part in the battles of Resaca, Atlanta, the siege of Knoxville, Franklin and Nashville, and was with Sherman in his march to the sea. He also fought at Ft. Anderson, N. C., and was engaged in many minor fights. Upon returning to Gaines Township he resumed farming operations but with impaired health. He suffered much from severe and exhausting marches while in service and was one of those who on foot pursued John Morgan's raiders through Indiana.

Our subject was married in Grand Blanc Township to Miss Edna, daughter of Eli Brainerd of Grand Blanc Township, where she was born. One child blesses their home, namely, Lillie, and they have laid to rest one child, Jessie, who died at the age of eleven years.

Mr. Van Vleet has been raised by his fellow-townsmen to the position of Township Clerk and was Township Treasurer for four years. He is a member of the Samuel Atherton Post No. 116, G. A. R. of which he has been commander and being an earnest Republican and a man of more than ordinary judgment and discretion as well as zeal, he is considered a leader in the political affairs of the township and county. He owns eighty acres of land and carries on operations on over one hundred acres besides his own. His beautiful home is situated amidst attractive surroundings and the family is looked upon as a leading one of the township in all social matters.

WILLIAM H. BUTTS, one of the first pioneers and most venerable citizens of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, was born October 7, 1827 in Dutchess County, N. Y. His parents, David W., and Perlina (Husted) Butts, were natives of the Empire State and emigrated in 1836 to Genesee County, Mich., bringing with them a yoke of oxen to use as their team. They procured land at $1.25 per acre and made their home in a log cabin whose dimensions were 12x16 feet and there they resided for a number of years. Later they built a good farm house on the site where our subject now resides.

The parents of our subject had to undergo se-

vere self-denials in their early life here. Three of their four children are now living: William H., Melinda, wife of Willis Swartout and Perlina, wife of Thomas Wright. In the early part of his life the father was a Democrat but became a Republican during the Civil War.

The usual experiences of a pioneer boy were those of our subject in his youth, and he assisted in surveying and laying out many sections of this county. The land was hard to break in those early times and he has employed in this work as many as six yoke of oxen at a time. He cleared two farms alone and helped to clear a third. He was a good huntsman and brought down many a wolf, bear, and wild turkey and more than once went out to hunt with the Indians. His education was exceedingly limited and the opportunities of that day were scant indeed, but he has ever pursued a system of reading which has made him a man of intelligence. Even after he was married and started in life he studied many a night until twelve o'clock, mastering school books which he did not have an opportunity to possess in his youth.

Elizabeth Webster became the wife of William H. Butts on Christmas Day, 1850. She is a daughter of the Rev. James and Elizabeth Webster and a native of Hudson, N. Y. Her father has done a great amount of pioneer work on the circuit and kept appointments in many a schoolhouse which he could reach only by riding on horseback through long stretches of territory. The family is distantly related to the great statesman, Daniel Webster. Four of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Butts are now living. Alice, is the widow of George Belford; Eliza is the wife of the Rev. J. I. Atkins of the church of the United Brethren, and the sons are George W. and Charles G.

For seven years Mr. Butts has served as Notary Public and he was the first Postmaster of South Grand Blanc postoffice of which he had charge for many years, and is deeply interested in schools and other means of improvement. He operated a mercantile business for three years in a building which is still located on his farm and he also carried on for a long while both blacksmithing and wagon-making, being a natural mechanic. He is a Republican in his political views and has served as Constable for two years besides declining offers of other important offices. His handsome property of one hundred and ten acres is the result of his own thorough and enterprising work and we take pleasure in presenting a sketch of his life here.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MUNGER. We are gratified to be able to place before our readers the life sketch of this influential resident of Richfield Township, Genesee County, and who as well as his parents is a native of New York, where he was born in Orleans County in the village of Medina, December 11, 1833. His parents were Alanson and Margaret (Culver) Munger, and the father followed the trade of a cooper, coming to Michigan in 1842 and finally settling in Richfield Township where he improved a farm and resided until his death at the age of fifty-five. The mother passed away on the 6th of August, 1868. They were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity and of that number three sons and three daughters are still living.

Jesse Munger, a native of Connecticut and a shoemaker by trade, was the grandfather of our subject and spent most of his latter years in the State of New York. He of whom we write was a lad of eleven years of age when he came to Michigan and he continued with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one. He devoted himself to making shingles and in this way he earned in eleven months enough money to buy his farm of eighty acres. Having thus secured a property upon which to live the young man decided to set up a home and was married July 2, 1867, to Alvira S. Pearce, daughter of Richard M. Pearce and a native of Wayne County, Mich., where she was born June 9, 1836. At the age of eighteen years she had come from her native county to Genesee County.

Immediately after marriage this young couple settled upon their farm in a small frame house which Mr. Munger had erected there. At that time they could see only one house within miles of

their home but there is now within sight from their doorway, five churches and many dwellings. They have one daughter and one son, namely: Celia, the wife of Charles Sliker, who resides on section 9, Richfield Township, and Julius who has married Martha Davis and resides at the old home and takes charge of the farm.

This fine tract of one hundred and twenty acres has all been put under cultivation by our subject, and in 1880 he built his beautiful and commodious home at a cost of $16,000. His political convictions bring him into line with the Republican party and some years ago he served as Highway Commissioner. His interest in the progress of the agricultural community has led him to number himself with the members of the Farmers' Alliance in whose work he is warmly concerned. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in which he serves as Deacon and in its work he is active and energetic.

REV. WILLIAM WRIGHT is a prominent local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, located at the present time in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. He resides on section 27, where he has a pleasant and well cultivated farm. The Rev. Mr. Wright is a native of Greene County, N. Y., and was there born March 23, 1816. He is a son of James and Cynthia (Clark) Wright, the former being a native of New York and the latter of Connecticut. His grandfather, William Wright, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

In 1836 our subject emigrated to Michigan with his parents, coming by way of Lake Erie and Detroit. He accompanied the household goods by the water way and his parents came hither by the overland route, coming along the Canadian border and across to Detroit and arriving in Michigan about one week after their son. The family first located in Livingston County and there lived for several years. They then moved to Shiawassee County where they made their home also for seven years. Mr. Wright's parents passed away from this world in Livingston County, this State.

The original of our sketch took upon himself the obligations of married life while a resident of Livingston County. His marriage with Miss Lucy Osborn was solemnized September 7, 1837. The lady was born in Greene County, N. Y. She was a daughter of Ard and Caroline Osborn. When eighteen years of age she emigrated to Michigan with her parents and settled in Livingston County, where the family was known as among the most prominent pioneer settlers. The Rev. Mr. Wright and his wife were the first couple married in Iosco Township, Livingston County.

By the union of our subject and his wife there have been nine children, six of whom are still living. They are Hiram, Ard, Jane, now Mrs. Hadley; Sarah, now Mrs. Peter Davis; Emma, wife of John Babcock, and Ella, wife of Fred Lawson. For many years after their marriage the family resided in Livingston County, and are entitled to the distinction and regard paid to pioneer settlers, for they made their home in the woods and combatted the usual hardships of pioneer life.

In 1862 Mr. Wright came to Genesee County and settled on his present farm having ever since made this his home. He is the owner of eighty acres of land in a good state of cultivation. He has served in various township offices, and has been School Inspector. He favors the Prohibition party in politics. The original of this sketch received but a common school education, but is a shrewd, keen reasoner. For forty years he has been a minister of the Gospel in the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been licensed to exhort when only eighteen years old and in 1840–41 he was licensed to preach. He now occasionally acts as local preacher and always embraces every opportunity to raise his voice in favor of temperance. In fact every good and pure cause finds in him a stanch supporter.

Our subject and his wife are just at the age when they thoroughly enjoy the comfortable home which their financial position enables them to maintain and also the friends that gather about them. They have always led useful lives and are still engaged in various benevolent enterprises.

For years they have been leaders of the most sterling class of society in their locality. Our subject is a genial and venerable gentleman who is well informed on all current topics. He is a typical representative pioneer of Michigan. His life has been characterized for the many kind deeds that he has done and for its noble aims. It is truly worthy of admiration and imitation of future generations.

PROF. JOHN J. BUCHANAN is professor of the different branches as taught in the fifth and sixth grades of the Michigan school for the deaf. He was born in White Pigeon, St. Joseph County, this State, June 29, 1849. He is a deaf mute, though born of speaking and hearing parents. He is, however, a highly educated and interesting gentleman, thoroughly well informed on all topics of interest of the day. He is, moreover, a skilled mechanic and one of the highly-esteemed citizens of Flint.

Our subject's father, James Buchanan, was a native of Waterloo, Seneca County, N. Y., and his grandsire, Samuel Buchanan, a farmer in Lockport, Niagara County, N. Y. The family belong to the same branch as did ex-President James Buchanan. Our subject's father, who was a merchant tailor, in early days settled in St. Joseph County, Mich., cutting his way into the woods. There he located and followed his trade. In 1832 he enlisted in the Black Hawk War and served as a private. He held many offices in White Pigeon, and was Township Treasurer for many years. He died at his home, November 28, 1878, being then seventy-two years of age.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Jane Masterman, was born in Fedon, Yorkshire, England, April 28, 1813. Her father, John, brought his family to America in 1831 and located in White Pigeon, where he engaged in wagon-making and made for himself the reputation of being the first and finest wagon-maker ever in that county. Our subject's mother still resides at her home. She had five children, all of whom are living and of these Prof. John Buchanan is the third eldest child. He was reared at his home until 1862. In 1861, when the soldiers were encamped at White Pigeon, he haunted the camp and was ready to do any service, such as washing the dishes, for which the soldiers gladly paid him. In 1862 he entered the Michigan school for the deaf at Flint and continued his studies until graduating in 1869, developing marked ability in the classics. He also spent some time in learning cabinet-making and became a skilled workman.

After graduation Prof. Buchanan was immediately employed as a teacher and has for the past twenty-three years been so engaged, being in charge of the fifth and sixth grades of the school. His present home is located at No. 504 West Court Street and is presided over by his intelligent wife. They were married in Fenton, July 30, 1874, the lady being Miss Clarissa A. Penn, the youngest daughter of Morris W. Penn, who was born in Maryland but who came as an early settler to Corunna, Shiawassee County. The Penns are lineal descendants of the Quaker lawmaker and first Governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan are the parents of three children whose names are Arthur Percy, Bertrand Penn and Alda Hoagland, all of whom can hear, and are bright and intelligent and speak fluently. Our subject is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

JNSON A. BIGELOW. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow, which is situated on section 11, Mundy Township, Genesee County, may justly be called one of the ornaments of the county. It is the result of the intelligent and tasteful planning and supervision of this excellent and cultured couple, and in conveniences and beauty ranks high. The other buildings upon this fine farm are also worthy of note and second to none in the county.

Hiram and Lavahtia (Gordon) Bigelow, the parents of our subject, came from New York to

Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, upon their first coming to Michigan at a very early day, and there they lived for several years, after which they removed to Mundy Township, which became their final home. They had a family of seven children, and our subject is next to the youngest in order of age. He was born in Grand Blanc Township, January 18, 1842, and was a child of seven years when his parents came to this township, where he grew to manhood.

Mr. Bigelow worked at the carpenters' trade for several years and on the 6th of December, 1861 he enlisted in Company E, Michigan Light Artillery and served until July 30, 1865, when he was mustered out of the service at Jackson, Mich. He took part in the battles of Mill Springs, Shiloh, Nashville and many smaller engagements and skirmishes, four months of his service being on the gun boat "Newsboy," and returning to Mundy Township, has since engaged in farming.

Forty acres of land constituted the first purchase which Mr. Bigelow made and he now owns two hundred and twenty-seven acres, upon which he has erected a fine and complete set of farm buildings as commodious and well adapted to agricultural business as any in this county.

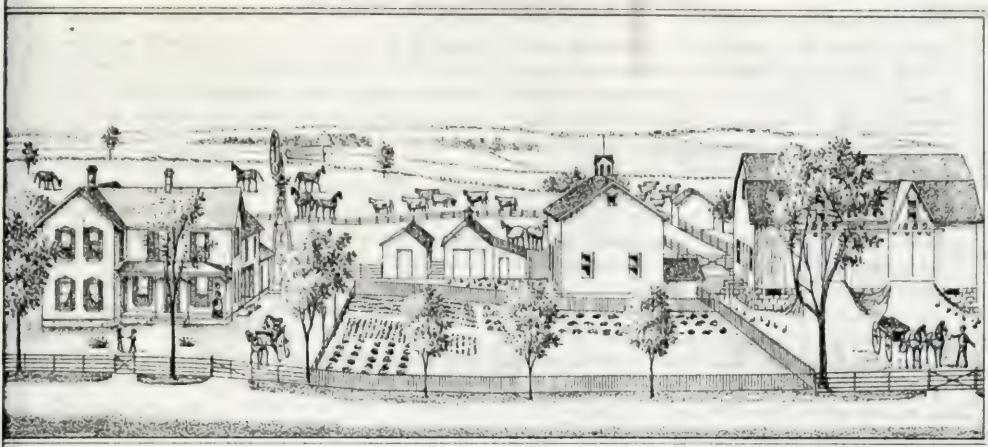
Our subject was married in Grand Blanc Township, March 5, 1864, to Miss Mary Hallock, daughter of the late Harmon Hallock and of Mrs. Hannah (Straw) Hallock, who were very early settlers in that township. Hannah Straw was but eleven years old when she came to this county and walked all the way from Detroit to the new home. She died near New Lothrop, Shiawassee County, and her husband passed from earth in Grand Blanc Township. They have four children, of whom Mrs. Bigelow is the eldest. She was born in Grand Blanc Township, July 8, 1842.

To our subject and his estimable wife have been born six sons, Garrett H., who married Alma Hall; Lewis H., who took to wife Parna Gilbert; John O., who married Maud Ely; Herbert G., Orville T. and Charlie E., who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Bigelow is a member of the Republican party and he takes an intelligent interest in all public movements. He is deeply interested in the old soldiers' reunions, being a member of Gov. Crapo Post, No. 115, G. A. R. In business and social circles this family stands in the forefront of the citizens of Mundy Township, and their influence is ever exerted for the good of the community and the prosperity of the township.

HARRY H. ENDERS. The gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch is a prosperous and substantial farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 28, Atlas Township, Genesee County. He is a native of New York and was born April 1, 1841, being a son of Philip and Anna (Hummel) Enders, who were both natives of Pennsylvania. The ancestors on both sides of the house were of German extraction. Our subject's father was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was for many years a pensioner of that war. His paternal great-grandfather, who was born in Germany in 1740, served in the German army and came to the United States in 1764, became a pioneer of Dauphin County, Pa.

Our subject was reared to manhood in his native county and State and from early youth has been engaged in farming. He was educated in the public schools of Erie County and also attended school for two years at Williamsville, N. Y., his course there being an academic one. He enlisted in the War of the Rebellion July 21, 1862, and became one of Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth New York Infantry, which was incorporated with the Nineteenth Corps. He spent some two years in Louisiana and there participated in the siege of Ft. Hudson, Pleasant Hill, Sabine Cross Roads and other engagements of minor importance with the Nineteenth Corps. He was subsequently detailed to duty in the Shenandoah Valley under Gen. Sheridan and fought at Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and was wounded in the siege of Ft. Hudson in the right arm, above the elbow. He received his honorable discharge June 8, 1865, and participated in the Grand Review at Washington.

On his return from the war our subject was married, July 23, 1865, to Miss Maria Hoil, a



RESIDENCE OF HARRY H. ENDERS, SEC 28, ATLAS TP, GENESEE CO., MICH.

RESIDENCE OF J. A. WILSON, SEC 7., ATLAS TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

native of Erie County, N. Y., and born February 24, 1844. She was a daughter of John and Fanny (Reid) Hoil. Here parents were natives of Pennsylvania and on both sides are said to be of German ancestry. The paternal great-grandfather, Christian Enders, was one of the first settlers in Dauphin County, Pa., and taught one of the first schools in that county. On her mother's side the great-grandfather of Mrs. Enders was a Revolutionary soldier. There were twelve children in the family of our subject's parents, six of whom are now living, and ten children in the family of which Mrs. Enders is one.

To our subject and his wife have been born nine children, of whom four survive: Edwin, Melvin, Willie and George. In 1868 Mr. Enders with his family came to Genesee County and settled on the land which he now occupies. He has built up the farm and by the improvements that he has placed upon it has added greatly to its value. He has served as Drain Commissioner for two years. He is a Democrat in politics and a progressive and honorable gentleman. A view of his pleasant home will be noticed elsewhere in this volume.

GEORGE W. SHEAR is a well-known dealer, wholesale and retail, in peddlers' supplies, old iron, rags and metals, in which business he has been engaged for the past seven years. He succeeded H. D. Newman, who had carried on a business for many years here, and now has about fifteen teams on the road, covering the country for one hundred miles around Flint which is his headquarters. Mr. George Shear was for some time here alone, but his brother A. C., was associated with him July 9, 1890. Our subject was born May 13, 1861, in Macedon Centre, Monroe County, N. Y. and is a son of Charles and Rebecca (Crosby) Shear. The father was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. When our subject was seven years old the mother who had married Erastus Bortle, came from New York to Grand Blanc Township, and at the age of twelve George started out for himself, receiving at first $12 a month for his work, and working for his board and attending school in the winter. He was with Mr. Thomas Sandford for two years and at the age of fifteen he took the money which he had saved and returning to Macedon attended the academy.

The youth now returned to Michigan and began work in South Lyon, Oakland County, and in 1878 was employed by Mr. Newman, driving a team for him on the peddler's cart. This he continued, through the winter and in the summer he returned to South Lyons and in the following spring rented a farm with his stepfather and together they worked it for two years. They then were employed upon different farms for some time, our subject finally going to work for Mr. Newman, being employed in the store.

After six years in Mr. Newman's employ the young man bought out that gentleman's interest May 27, 1887. At that time George Flanders was a partner in the business and six months later Mr. Shear bought that gentleman's interest also He is now running the business on a capital of $4,000, carrying a good lucrative trade and is considered the largest peddler's supply house in Northern Michigan. April 20, 1885 was the wedding day of George W. Shear and Mary E. Warren daughter of Mrs. Julia Warren, of Flint. They had one son who has passed from earth. This gentleman has been too busy in getting a start in life to take any part in political matters, but he is a member of the National Union Lodge of Flint.

D. W. ROBINSON. Our subject is a genial man who numbers his friends by the score. He has done much toward improving and building up this township and has contributed generously toward all institutions that promise to be of real benefit to the locality. He is now a retired farmer and a resident of Flushing. He was born in the township of Farmington, Hartford County, Conn., July 20, 1824, and received his education in Farmington

with the exception of one winter when he attended school in Ohio. He then returned home and was engaged in farming, owning at the time a small place.

Our subject's parents were Amos and Pattie (Clark) Robinson, natives of Connecticut. The former was a mason by trade and served during the War of 1812, when he was shot in the back of the head, the ball taking its course and coming out through the left eye. Amos Robinson's father lost his life in the French and Indian War. Our subject's maternal grandsire was also a Revolutionary soldier and lived and died in his native State, Connecticut.

When thirteen years of age our subject was bereft of his father. He then began to work for Ira Hadsall and continued for nine years, working by the month on the farm. He then spent three summers with Thomas Young. In 1850 Mr. Robinson started West, taking all his worldly possessions with him in clothes and cash. He visited Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin on a prospecting tour. He then came to Michigan, traveling some by rail, some by water and also on foot, paying his way by work as he could. In 1851 he came to Flushing and in a short time purchased eighty acres of land on section 28. Upon this he lived until a short time ago and then retired to Flushing where he now has a fine residence on Elm Street.

Mr. Robinson was married in Clayton Township, Genesee County, in 1853, his bride being Miss Electa St. John, the daughter of Alanson and Maria (Robbins) St. John, natives of New York. They came West in 1837 and settled in Clayton Township and subjected themselves to the inconveniences of the early pioneers. Mrs. Robinson's father was engaged in making brick and tile with his son Amos and furnished the brick for some of the finest buildings in Flushing. Our subject and his wife are the parents of three children—Amos, Arminda and Frank. Amos married Miss Nettie Baldwin and is the father of two children—Guy and Ruth; he lives in Flushing and does a jobbing business in masonary and tilling. Arminda married Samuel Maxwell who died July 31, 1891. Our subject was Treasurer of Flushing Township for two years. He is a Republican in politics and in his church associations affiliates with the Presbyterians, of which body he is an Elder.

STEPHEN CUMMINGS, who is a representative farmer and stock-raiser of Atlas Township, Genesee County, was born within the bounds of this county, August 22, 1842. His paternal grandfather was a soldier in the War of 1812 and his parents, Lewis and Elsie Cummings, migrated from New York, their native State, to this county in the old Territorial days, settling in 1836 upon the farm where our subject now resides. In a log cabin they made their home for several years and then built a better residence, and here the father remained until his death October 1, 1883. He was three times married and had eleven children, of whom the following survive: Rachel A., now the widow of Mr. Baxter, Orlando; Stephen M., Edward, George, Nellie, now Mrs. Rockafeller, and Loretta, the widow of Adison Mactite of Bay City.

The father of our subject who left a good estate to his children was pre-eminently successful as a farmer and was highly esteemed by all who came within the sphere of his influence. He was a Republican in politics and in his religious connection a Congregationalist. Stephen Cummings has passed his entire life in this county and early took part in the labors of pioneering. His advantages for education were scanty indeed, and he has had to supplement what he then gained by observation and reading.

Mr. Cummings was married April 14, 1870, to Adelia Miner, a native of New York, and they have one adopted son, Herbert. During the Civil War our subject was a watchman on a Government transport boat, plying on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers with headquarters at Cairo, Ill., and his brother, Oscar Cummings, a soldier of the Tenth Michigan Infantry, was killed in the battle of Chattanooga. This gentleman is a Republican in his political views and one of the most public-spirited men in this township. He is deeply interested in

educational progress and has served for several years as Director of schools. His farm comprises one hundred and forty acres of land and its splendid condition classes him among the thrifty and prosperous citizens of Genesee County.

ABNER C. FOLSOM, M. D., who was born in Alden, Erie County, N. Y., August 23, 1823, is now a prominent citizen of Deerfield Township, Lapeer County. New Hampshire was the native home of his father, the Rev. G. W. Folsom, M. D., and his mother, Mary Colby, was born in Vermont. The paternal grandfather was English by birth and training. Our subject is one of a family of eight children, only three of whom are now living, his surviving sisters being Caroline Grace, wife of Theodore Clark a Kansas farmer, and Sophronia W., the widow of Ephraim Vanorman of Hillsdale County, Mich.

The youth of our subject was spent in Buffalo, N. Y., and he there attended school, after which he returned to Alden and at the age of twenty-one came to Michigan and located in Hillsdale County. During the twelve years which he spent there he studied medicine and began the practice of the same, and after coming to Lapeer County, he located in Goodland Township and resumed the practice of medicine and also bought land and improved it. Having sold this farm in Goodland Township he bought in Arcadia Township and having remained upon that property for three years and improving it he removed thence to Lapeer where he practiced medicine for two years.

Removing to Deerfield Township Dr. Folsom purchased eighty acres of land on section 6, to which he has added one hundred and twenty acres. This was all mild land in those days but he now has most of it in a finely-cultivated condition. This gentleman was married October 2, 1850, to Olive D. Cole a native of Michigan who was born January 20, 1831, and is the daughter of Reuben and Ruth (Bullock) Cole. Mr. Cole was a farmer by occupation.

Dr. and Mrs. Folsom have had six children, five of whom are still living to cheer the hearts of the parents. The two older sons, Marvin E. and Abner L. are farmers in this county, the former in Deerfield Township and the latter in Marathon. The third son Manly E., was drowned in the Flint River in 1875. Mary R. is the wife of W. W. Landon, a farmer of Millville. George C. farms in Deerfield Township and Olive M. is the wife of C. Whiting, of Deerfield Township.

Dr. Folsom has done much toward the improvement of the township and at various times he has held almost every one of the township offices. He has been a Notary Public for sixteen years and has been Postmaster of Drake since 1878. He is at the present Clerk of the Township. He is a general farmer and stock grower and has done much toward the general improvement of the roads and the prosperity of the township.

THOMAS H. BAKER is a thrifty and go-ahead young farmer whose physical powers are guided and made effective by his intelligent management. He has a pleasant home and all that makes life worth living for. He was born in Devonshire, England, November 30, 1848, and is the son of Charles and Eliza (Dymond) Baker. The father, an English farmer, came to America in the spring of 1856 and proceeded to Michigan, locating in Burton Township, Genesee County. He was engaged for several years in farming on shares, but in 1871 he purchased a place in this township which was only partially improved. He still survives and is active and interested in his agricultural work.

Our subject's mother is still living. She as well as her husband is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She has had thirteen children and what is somewhat remarkable is that all her children are living, the youngest being twenty-three years old at the time of this writing (1891).

Thomas Baker is the third in order of birth of his parents' family and was seven years old when they came to America. He received the rudiments

of his education in the district school and afterward attended the Union School in Flint. He later taught six terms. He began working out by the month, continuing this for six months and then spent a year in school. He then went to work by the day or job and in the spring of 1871 he and his father purchased eighty acres of land. He purchased his present farm in 1879. It is a fertile tract located on section 30.

September 26, 1876, our subject was married to Helen E. Knowles, who was born in Genesee County, Mich. She is the daughter of William Knowles and a native of New York who came here at an early day. Our subject and his wife have had three children—Morrison C., Paul T. and one who died in infancy. Mr. Baker is a Republican in politics. He has been School Inspector for the last fifteen years and Township Treasurer for one term. Socially he is a Mason. He is the owner of one hundred and ten acres of choice land and here devotes himself to general farming, taking particular interest in the raising of fine stock. He began with very limited means and his prospects are now of the brightest.

ANDREW J. PHILLIPS, one of the most prominent citizens of Fenton, and one of the leading manufacturers of the State, was born in Hartland Township, Livingston County, Mich., October 9, 1837. His father, Charles B. Phillips, who was a New York farmer, came to Michigan in 1835 and became a pioneer in Hartland Township. He is now spending his latter days in Fenton as he has passed his eightieth milestone. He was the son of a seafaring man who did a good mercantile business on the seas for some years. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary E. Morse. She became the mother of seven children, and died in 1850. Andrew was born in a log house which was erected by his father, and until he was seventeen attended the log schoolhouse but after that time was sent to the Union Schools at Milford. At the age of twenty he went to Calhoun County, where he worked for a pumpmaker, whose methods in machinery he was able to greatly improve. About the same time he was engaged for several years in operating a thresher during the season.

In 1861 Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Julia Bullard, and the following year he removed to Milford, where he engaged in the manufacture of reapers and mowers in partnership with Wells Bros. As the machinery at that time was almost entirely of iron and steel, the complications following the Civil War impaired the success of his business, and he returned to the manufacture of pumps. He sold out his outfit in the fall of 1869 and came to Fenton, where he enlarged his business and purchased steam power, adding milk safes to his output. About this time he invented and made the first bent snow shovel ever made, and in his endeavor to perfect this invention he boiled the timber for the first shovel in a boiler in his own kitchen and thus was able to bend the wood. This novelty sold from the start and his trade in it increased until he sold seventy-five thousand a year. About this time he also invented a new style of adjustable window screens of which he now manufactures a large stock.

In 1888 our subject organized the firm of A. J. Phillips & Co., with capital stock paid up, and took his two sons, Winfield B. and E. Ashley, and also his brother, Judson B., into the firm. They have several large buildings, the one built last year containing more than twenty-six thousand square feet of floor and another is four stories high with dimensions of 80x100 feet. From seventy-five to one hundred men are here constantly employed and the product of this establishment is shipped to every State in the Union. The young men of this firm are active and enterprising and each has charge of a separate department in the business. They manufacture goods to the extent of $150,000 annually and they utilize over fifty-thousand square feet of floor space. One million five hundred thousand feet of wire screening are used by them annually, and between three and four million feet of lumber. They employ traveling salesmen and pay over $10,000 a year in freights.

"Not how much, but how well" is the motto of

this firm, as is shown by the fact that they have the reputation of making the best goods in the market. They have a free library for the use of their workmen and look after the interest of those who are their helpers. They have now four warehouses and have recently purchased seven acres of land, to be used for storage.

The three children of our subject are Winfield B., E. Ashley and Harry J., and to each has been given a good commercial education. Mr. Phillips is a Republican in politics and was on the common council for several years, besides being a member of the Water Works Commission which put in the fine water works at Fenton. He has for a number of years been a member of the Masonic order. He visited in Europe at the time of the Paris Exposition. In 1890 he erected one of the finest and most imposing residences in Genesee County. He is prominent and well respected and is a liberal contributor to any enterprise tending to the upbuilding of Fenton and his business is a great advantage in every way to the town.

JOHN BURLESON, who farms one hundred acres of land on sections 26 and 27, Clayton Township, Genesee County, was born in Macomb County, this State, April 11, 1844. His parents, John W. and Nancy (Caldwell) Burleson, were natives of Canada, and were there married. In Territorial days the elder Mr. Burleson came to Michigan with his father and made a settlement in Macomb County, taking up one hundred and sixty acres of land. He subsequently lived in Ray Township, that county, and Plainfield Township, Kent County, and on the 24th of October, 1857, he came to Clayton Township and settled upon a portion of this land, where his son now lives. Here he resided until 1891, when he removed to Tama Township, Saginaw County, where he is engaged in farming.

The paternal grandparents of our subject, John and Mary (Brown) Burleson, were natives of Vermont and Ireland respectively. After coming to Michigan the grandfather spent the remainder of his days here on section 21, Clayton Township. He was a Democrat in his political belief. They had a family of thirteen children, and all but two of them are still living. The maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Miller) Caldwell, both of whom were Canadians and spent their lives in that province. Seven of their nine children are still living.

The large family of children to which our subject belonged numbered eight. Their names are: John, William H.; Margaret, Mrs. James Decker; Nelson, David, Wesley; Arrilla, Mrs. H. Bristol, and Andrew J. The early training and education of John Burleson were obtained in this township, and he lived at home until he reached the age of twenty-two. On the 26th of September, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and was in the service for nine months, being sick most of the time, so that he did not take part in any battle. He was taken sick at Chattanooga and returned to Nashville, thence to New Albany, Ind., and had his discharge at Louisville, June 6, 1865.

After returning home, this young man spent two winters in the pine woods in the northern part of the State, and between the years of 1865-75 purchased and sold three farms. In the year 1875 he purchased forty acres of land where he now lives, and added to it until he now has one hundred acres. This he proceeded to clear and to provide with good buildings, and it is now in an excellent condition. In 1867 he married Annie M., daughter of Jonathan W. and Phœbe A. (Caldwell) Rock, natives of Nova Scotia and Canada. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Burleson are: Josiah; Naomi, Mrs. George McKinzie; James E., John; and Lovina, Mrs. I. C. Packard.

The five children of our subject and his worthy wife are: Cora A., Mrs. Abraham Brewer, of Swartz Creek, this county; Nancy L., Eliza M., Sie L. and Cassie B. Mr. Burleson is a Democrat in his political views and a member of the Order of Odd Fellows. He has been a Constable and a Director and Assessor of the School District for the past twenty years, and is now a Director of the Genesee County Farmers' Home Fire Insurance Com-

pany. He is a charter member of Ferren Post, No. 268, G. A. R., and takes a great interest in the old soldiers' reunions. Upon his farm may be found fine stock and everything in excellent condition, and he is counted as one of the prominent farmers of the township.

HENRY R. CASE, M. D. Among the prominent and successful physicians and surgeons in practice in Genesee County, this State, whom the publishers of this RECORD take pleasure in presenting to his fellow-men and associates, is he whose name is above. He is a resident of Grand Blanc, where he enjoys a large and lucrative practice, having extensive patronage not only in the town of which he is a resident, but also in the surrounding country. He was born August 5, 1848, and is a son of Richard and Caroline (Clark) Case, both of whom were natives of New York State. They came to Oakland County, this State in the '40s and were here early settlers.

The youth of our subject was spent on a farm and his primary education was acquired in the district school and on finishing his course he became a student at the Flint High School. In 1869 he entered the National Medical College, a branch of the Columbian College, located at Washington, D. C. Here he took a four years' course and graduated therefrom in 1873. He subsequently became a resident physician of the Children's Hospital at Washington, D. C., but old associations and ties had not relinquished their hold upon his memory, and he determined to return to Michigan, which he did in 1874.

At the date above mentioned Dr. Case located in the pretty town of Grand Blanc and has since that time been in constant and active practice of his profession. During his residence in Washington, he was for three years connected with the Interior Department in the Civil Service office, at the same time pursuing his studies and taking lectures. The man who has will power enough to pursue a fixed purpose in this way, while being under the necessity of supporting himself by such arduous work as was that Dr. Case took up, could not but make a success in a professional way, nor has he disappointed his friends in this respect.

The marriage of Dr. Case was solemnized October 24, 1876; his bride was Frances A. Gibson, the daughter of the late C. D. W. Gibson, an early settler of Grand Blanc Township. Dr. Case is a believer in the advantages of the Republican party, it to him being the exponent of all that is most reasonable in Governmental science. Our subject and his wife are in their church relations members of the Methodist Episcopal denomination and are actively interested in the social life of the church as well as in its spiritual development. Dr. Case is a member of the Genesee County Medical Association, and moreover a member of the American Medical Association. Although still a young man the career of our subject has already been marked with so great a degree of success that it is only reasonable to expect of him great things for the future. The discoveries in the science of medicine have not been exhausted. There are still new and untried fields for skilled practitioners and theorists to work upon.

HON. MARVIN L. SEELEY. The son of Daniel H. Seeley, who is one of the venerable pioneer residents of this portion of the county, was born in Flint, April 15, 1840. He is the fifth child in order of birth of his parents' family. After finishing his education in the town of Flint he studied law with William M. Fenton as preceptor. After he was admitted to the bar he went to Ann Arbor and entered the law department of the university in which he pursued a student's course for six months. In 1867 he began his law practice in Flint and continued in it with gratifying success until coming to take charge of his father's business.

Marvin L. Seeley was married June 12, 1871, to Jeane I. Brown, who was born in Yorkshire, England, June 13, 1843. She there remained until six years of age and then came to the United States and settled at Niagara Falls, and in 1862

came to Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley are the parents of three children, two sons and one daughter. They are, Burton T., who was born December 25, 1872, and is attending the State Mining School in the Upper Peninsula; Burns L., was born June 13, 1875, and is at present in attendance at the High School at Flint; Thyra B., was born March 19, 1880, and is attending school at home. Our subject follows the traditions and example set by his family in a political way, being a stanch Democrat practically and theoretically. For eight years he held the office of Justice of the Peace and for four years was Supervisor. He is a member of the Legislature, representing the Second District of Genesee County. He was appointed on the drainage commission and was Supervisor to fill a vacancy. He has also held various school offices and has been on the Board of Directors for ten years.

Mr. Seeley has accomplished much as a representative of this vicinity. It was through him that the city hall of Genesee Township and also the brick schoolhouse were built. He was also appointed Chairman to the auxiliary committee of the State Board of Managers of the World's Fair, including the Sixth Congressional District.

CHARLES CHURCHILL PIERSON. Our subject is one of the oldest settlers in Genesee County, and is a prominent and much respected man. Although early in life he suffered a great disappointment in being the victim of an accident that resulted in a personal blemish, so ambitious and energetic has he been that he has conquered fate, and has accumulated a snug fortune and has a beautiful home. He is the head of the firm of C. C. Pierson & Son, general produce dealers, located at No. 119 Kearsley Street. He is a Director also of the Genesee County Savings Bank. He was born in East Avon, Livingston County, N. Y., January 18, 1818, and is a son of David Pierson, and a grandson of Jesse Pierson, a native of Connecticut and a soldier in the Revolutionary War, who served under Gens. Washington and Putnam. He was also part of the time upon a privateer on the ocean, and was on Long Island the night it was surrendered to the British. Like many of the other Revolutionary soldiers he suffered severely from privations, both of clothing and food during a severe winter.

After the war our subject's grandfather located in Wells Township, Vermont, and there improved a farm. At a later period he moved to Avon, N. Y. His decease took place when seventy-two years of age. His father was a native of England. Our subject's father resided on the original homestead in Avon, N. Y., and there died at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife's maiden name was Huldah Churchill, a native of Hubbarton, Vt. She too was of English descent. The Churchills were prominent people in Vermont. The family later went to New York and settled in Livingston County. Our subject's mother died in Leroy, Genesee County, N. Y., at the age of seventy-six years. She was the mother of eleven children, there being eight girls and three boys, ten of whom are now living, and the youngest is sixty-two years of age. They are by name: Ruhama, Mrs. Halsey; Adelia, Mrs. Smith; Ann, Mrs. Bambridge; our subject; Jane, Mrs. Lacey; Mary, Mrs. Johnson; Ephraim J.; Laura, Mrs. Rust; Media, Mrs. Day, and Delos D.

Our subject was reared in his native place. He attended the district school at Avon for one winter and then went to West Avon Academy. In 1840 he made a trip to Michigan to attend to some land belonging to his father in Livingston County. After spending some time in this locality he returned to New York and there remained until the fall of 1842, when coming to Michigan he located permanently, first settling in Grand Blanc. In 1843 he traded the Livingston County land for land in Grand Blanc, Genesee County, securing one hundred and thirty-five acres, which was partially improved, fifty acres of it having been fenced, and an orchard having been planted. There was also an apology for a house.

Going energetically to work our subject grubbed out the land and added fifty acres to it. In 1847 he lost his arm by an accident, it being caught in the cylinder of a thresher, necessitating its ampu-

tation half way between the elbow and shoulder. He then rented his farm and engaged in teaching, having been so employed three winters previous to this. He taught for five winters and then went back to his farm. There were deer here at the time of his coming that were so tame that they would come to the door and feed in the wheat. There were also snakes, our subject having himself killed a black snake that was seven and one-half feet in length. They hauled all their wheat to Pontiac, and it took two days to make the trip. The first shearing of wool was sold in Detroit at twenty-five cents per pound. In the fall of 1848 our subject, with Mr. G. Davidson and Enos Goodrich, purchased eighteen pure-bred Merino Vermont sheep, bringing them from New York, also a pure-bred short-horn male, the first one in the county. So greatly has the sentiment changed in regard to fine-bred animals that Mr. Ephraim Harvey, of Livingston County, who years ago declared to our subject that he would never pay more than $5 for any buck, has since paid $400 or $500 for a single animal, and is now one of the greatest sheep men in the State.

Our subject was very successful in raising sheep, taking from the first flock three pounds to the head. By improving them with the Merinos they soon averaged over six pounds to the head. At one time he had five hundred head of sheep, and has been one of the most successful sheep-raisers of this part of the country. He sold in 1863 fifteen hundred and sixteen pounds at $1 per pound.

Mr. Pierson was one of the organizers of the Genesee Agricultural Society. He was also one of the organizers of the Genesee County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which is one of the richest companies in the State. Our subject lived on his farm until 1861, and in April of that month he moved to Flint, since which time he has engaged in his present business. He and his son are dealers in all kinds of produce, and make large shipments of grain and hay. He was the owner, with C. C. Behan, of the first Diedrick Press in this county, and has shipped as many as one hundred car loads of hay to one man in a single winter. He is also agent for the Champion machine and the Bean Harvester. He is the owner of one hundred and eighty-five acres of land in Grand Blanc Township, which his son, Charles S., operates. He has besides some valuable real estate in Flint. He owns twenty-three acres inside the city limits.

Our subject was married in Albion, Calhoun County, this State, December 19, 1849, to Miss Martha A. Dutton, a native of New York and a daughter of Enos Dutton, who was an early settler in this State. Mrs. Pierson was educated at Albion College and is a cultured and lovely woman. She is the mother of six children—Martha J., Mrs. Pier; Enos D. is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and engaged with his father; Charles S. is on the farm; Anna H., Mrs. William Edwards; Fred J., who is in partnership with his father, and is also a job printer in the city; Alice A. will graduate with the class of '93 from the High School. In their religious preference the family are Baptists. He has always been a teacher in Sunday-school, and was Superintendent of the Mission. He is a Republican.

ISAAC L. HEMINGWAY. The wealth of lumber in Michigan has furnished the material out of which many a man has carved his fortune and many more have made for themselves and families a comfortable support. This line of industry is one in which Mr. Hemingway, of Marathon Township, Lapeer County, has long been engaged, and in it he has been successful. He has at the same time carried on farming and is a native of the Wolverine State, as he was born in Oakland County, August 19, 1836. His parents, Col. N. and Merrilla (Potter) Hemingway, had a family of eleven children, and this son remained at home with them until he was twenty-four years of age.

The father was a native of New York, and a mill man by trade, who came to Michigan as early as 1823, and took up Government land. He did not devote himself entirely to milling but more fully to farming. At the age of sixteen Isaac was quite an expert as a business man and attended to most of his father's outside affairs, and upon attaining his majority he went into partnership with his

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father and his brother Henry in the lumbering business.

In 1865 these young men built an extensive sawmill which they operated under the firm name of H. L. & I. L. Hemingway. For twelve years they carried this on successfully and profitably, but at that time the estate was divided and some eight years ago Isaac sold the mill and now lives on section 16. He has a two-story frame house in process of erection which will be, when completed, one of the best houses in that part of the township, as it has many modern improvements and will be heated by a furnace.

New Year's Day, 1861 was a notable date in the life of Mr. Hemingway, as upon that day he was united in marriage with Miss Mary A., daughter of Charles and Laura (Tower) Summers. Mrs. Hemingway was born in Oakland County, this State, March 26, 1840, and to them have been granted five children, one of whom has been called from their arms by death. Mr. Hemingway has held many township offices and has been Justice of the Peace for twelve years and has just been re-elected for a term of four years. He has also filled with satisfaction the office of Supervisor.

HON. NORMAN A. BEECHER, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, was born in Albany County, N. Y., at Rensselaerville, April 22, 1830. His parents, Calvin and Emeline (Stebbins) Beecher, were natives of New York, the former born in Albany County and the latter in Westchester, Dutchess County. They were married in Albany County, December 16, 1824, and in 1834 moved to their beautiful farm in Owego, Tioga County, where they spent the latter part of their lives.

The early history shows that all the Beechers came from Isaac, the son of Hannah, who came over to New Haven, Conn., in 1638. The great-grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Capt. Amos Beecher, who was born in Walcott, Conn., June 10, 1743, and served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War. In 1795 he removed to Rensselaerville, N. Y., where he died September 6, 1818. He was an own cousin of Dr. Lyman Beecher, the father of Henry Ward Beecher. By his first wife his children were—Samuel, Lucy, Amos, Rebecca and Salmon I. He was a second time married and by that union became the father of one son—Joseph Abbott.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Salmon I. and Lovisa (Sheldon) Beecher, who were natives of Connecticut and were there married September 26, 1799. Their four children bore the names of Calvin, Huldah, Polly and Amanda, and the last named is now living at Flemingsville, Tioga County, N. Y. The children comprising the family to which our subject belongs were Julia (Mrs. James A. Dean), Isaac S., Norman A., Salmon I., Warren, Sarah J. (Mrs. William Burgett), Rollin L., Lyman, and a half sister, Emily Beecher, by second marriage. Calvin Beecher was a prominent farmer of Tioga County and in his religious views was connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Isaac Stebbins, was born in Connecticut in 1776 and was a carpenter and millwright by trade. Religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was married to Sallie Sutherland, and they became the parents of six children, viz: Emeline, Eton, William, Betsey, Jane and Lewis. Grandfather Stebbins died at the age of forty-nine years.

The education of our subject was obtained in the common schools and in the Academy at Owego, N. Y. At the age of seventeen he began teaching and spent fourteen terms at the profession in New York and Michigan. When he attained to his majority he went to Orleans County, N. Y., whence in 1857 he came to Michigan and settled on section 10, Clayton Township, Genesee County, where he now resides. To his original purchase of eighty acres he added until he now has a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres, conceded to be one of the finest estates in the county. As a fruit grower and nurseryman, Mr. Beecher is well known, being a thorough horticulturist and having written many articles on that subject. For more than twenty years he has raised and sold fruit trees and to-day his twelve hundred trees in bearing condition.

With the public life of the township and county Mr. Beecher has been closely identified, and for several years served as Township Superintendent of Schools. In 1885 he was elected by the Republican Party as the Representative of the First District of Genesee County in the State Legislature, and served so acceptably that he was re-elected for a second term. He served as Chairman of the Committee on the Agricultural College and in 1887 was made Chairman of the Committee on Normal School. He was the father of the "Forestery" bill for the protection of timber throughout Michigan and in that work received the support of the best men in the State. His first ballot was cast for President Buchanan but since then he has voted the Republican ticket.

September 19, 1855, Mr. Beecher was married to Miss Loverna D. Billings, of Albion, N. Y. This

lady was the daughter of Col. Lauren and Roxana (Rexford) Billings, and became the mother of two children: Elbert L., and Calvin D. The first named married Ada Penoyer. Mrs. Loverna Beecher died September 21, 1874. The second marriage of our subject took place December 1, 1875, his bride being Miss Celia A. Wood, daughter of Julius and Amanda (Billings) Wood, of Smyrna, N. Y. Of this union two children were born—Nellie A. and Fannie A. Mrs. Beecher's father was the son of Noah Wood, whose father, Noah, Sr., was a resident of Connecticut and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Noah Wood, Jr., married Asenath Calkins, at Somers, Conn., and thence they removed to Smyrna, N. Y., on a farm previously purchased, December 17, 1798. In that place they passed their remaining years, he dying at the age of forty-six, July 4, 1812, and she when eighty-four years old. His occupation was that of a tanner.

Julius Wood, the father of Mrs. Beecher, was born on the old homestead, August 8, 1799, and there spent his entire life until he passed away at the age of seventy-three, November 7, 1873. He was an earnest Christian, a liberal giver, a member of the Congregational Church of Smyrna, N. Y., and a Deacon up to the day of his death. He early adopted anti-slavery views and assisted in organizing an Abolition party in his native town, William Lloyd Garrison and Gerritt Smith being his admirers. He married Amanda Billings, May 15, 1831, whose father, Joseph, was a son of John Billings, of Connecticut. Ten children were born seven of whom survive.

Prof. DeValson Wood, the eldest son, occupies the Chair of Engineering at Stevens' Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., and is honored with being among the first mathematicians of this country; also as author of several text books on higher mathematics. H. A. is connected with the same institution as an honored Professor. Two sons are farmers. Three daughters are married, Mrs. Beecher being one of them. The maternal grandmother of both Mrs. Beecher, Abi (Pomeroy) Billings, of Somers, Conn., was born March 17, 1767. The family name (formerly spelled Billing) is derived from a village in Northamptonshire, England, located about four miles from Nottinghamshire. The word is Saxon and means "a dwelling by the meadow" and was originally spelled "de Billing." The first mention of the family was in 1221 in the reign of Henry III, and for about two hundred years no trace can be found of them until mention is made of the death of John Billings in 1526.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beecher belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church and are among the most highly respected and popular members of the social circles of Genesee County. He has proved himself a good financier, and is a stanch upholder of any measure tending to promote the interests of the community.

GEORGE KLINE, of the firm of Kline, Goodenough & Co., general dealers in produce, who are doing a heavy business and occupying a double block in Flint, has been in this line of business for sixteen years. He was born in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N. Y., November 10, 1827, and is a son of Adam and Elizabeth (Kreisler) Kline. The father was a farmer and came to Michigan when George was still a small boy. They located upon a farm in Grand Blanc Township, this county, and this the father improved and lived on until his death, leaving a family of seven children.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are: Adam, James, John (deceased), Joseph, Henry (who died in the army) and Sarah, Mrs. Milton Bradley, of Eldorado, Kan. The mother survived the father for some twenty years. Our subject received a good practical education in the common schools and helped upon the farm, remaining there until he was married.

While still quite a young man Mr. Kline learned the carpenter's trade and worked at that for some time, and subsequently went into the business of a drover, gathering up here and shipping to Detroit and Buffalo such stock as he could purchase. This he carried on quite extensively, and after having been in the city for some time he bought a farm at Burton. He was at first connected in business with Mr. Goodenough alone, but now has added to the firm Mr. Richard Bailey, and they are doing an extensive business to the amount of fully $200,000 a year. They buy and ship grain, hay, oats, and all kinds of produce.

The marriage of our subject which took place July 3, 1858 united him with the woman of his choice in the person of Miss Artemesia Shaw, of Grand Blanc Township. She has always made her home in this county and is a daughter of Abiel and Mary A. (Gibson) Shaw, natives of Geneseo, N. Y.

GEORGE W. PARMELEE is the proprietor and owner of the Star Custom Mill at Flushing, Genesee County. He came to this town in 1858 and has since been closely identified with its progress and business life. Mr. Parmelee was born May 30, 1839, at Sylvania, Ohio, and is a son of Thomas J. and Chloe (Atwell) Parmelee, natives of New York. The former was a farmer and came to Ohio at an early day. There he followed his calling until he came to Michigan and purchased a farm in Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County. He there remained until coming to Flushing, where he resided until his death, which occurred April 25, 1884, being at the time eighty-three years of age. Our subject's mother died in Maple Grove Township in 1879.

Thomas Parmelee was a Republican in politics and held several township offices. He was Justice of the Peace, Township Treasurer and Commissioner of Highways besides holding various minor offices. He was the father of ten children, of whom three now live. They are Mrs. Phena James, Oliver and our subject. The last named was educated at Palmyra, Lenawee County, this State. He was reared a farmer, but learned the baker's trade in Flushing and was employed in that way for twelve years. He built a brick store on Main Street of this town, the first door east of the First National Bank.

Mr. Parmelee enlisted in Company C, Seventh Michigan Cavalry and was in Custer's Brigade. He served for four years and was captured October 7, 1863 at Robinson River and was held a prisoner for fourteen months, being incarcerated in Libby Prison at Belle Isle, Pemberton No. 2, and Andersonville. He was also at Savannah and Camp Loton. At the time of entering the prison he was a man who weighed one hundred eighty pounds and when he was exchanged he weighed only ninety pounds. On the 23rd of November, 1864, he was granted a furlough of sixty days during which time he came home. He returned to the army and then was sent across the plains to Salt Lake City to fight the Indians. He there received his discharge.

On returning to Flushing our subject purchased a farm in 1865. It was four miles west of the town and comprised seventy-two acres. He remained on this for five years. He purchased his mill in 1888 and has run the same ever since. Mr. Parmelee held the office of Commissioner of Highways while stationed at Montrose and has been Marshal for two years at Flushing. He has a fine home located on Cherry street.

Mr. Parmelee married Miss Elinor Smith, a daughter of Simeon Smith, one of the early settlers of Genesee County. They have had a family of five children, whose names are as follows: Sarah who is Mrs. Perry; Ever G., Daisy, Harry and Clara. The 15th of November, 1888, Mr. Parmelee went out hunting with a friend and was accidentally shot in his left arm, head and face, losing his left eye by the accident. He has always been a great lover of hunting and fishing. He is a Republican in his political sentiments and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He is one of the prominent business men of this village.

G. P. CHAPMAN. It is frequently remarked that the finest residence in Lapeer County is the large brick dwelling owned and occupied by this gentleman, and charmingly located on section 14, Lapeer Township. This beautiful home is not only attractive in its exterior, but is elegantly furnished within and contains all modern improvements, being heated with hot water and lighted with gas. The large barns and farm buildings are models of convenience, while fine stock may be seen in the pastures. A man of large business interests, Mr. Chapman has attained

to his present high standing through his unaided exertions and justly is numbered among the most influential and representative farmers of the county.

Simeon Chapman, father of our subject, was a native of Bucks County, Pa., and followed the calling of a farmer. Phebe (Park) Chapman, mother of our subject, was a native of Canada, born near Niagara Falls. The father was a man of great mechanical genius, and his son retains in his possession some fine specimens of his work. His death was caused by cholera, in 1854, while the mother survived until 1863. Five of their fourteen children are now living. Our subject was born June 13, 1884, in the township of Pelham, Canada, and began for himself at the age of seventeen years, having prior to that time received a good common-school education. His first employment was secured on a farm, and he afterward worked in a sawmill for three years.

For two years Mr. Chapman sojourned in York, Canada, and for seven years in Walsingham. In 1861 he came to Michigan and worked on his present farm, then the property of his wife's father. In 1862 he went to Saginaw and Bay Counties, where he engaged in lumbering until 1867. Thence he returned to his former home in Lapeer County, although he still retains large lumber interests. He was married in July, 1865, to Julia E. Higley, whose parents were natives of Shoreham, Vt., and came to Michigan as early as 1832, settling in this county. Mr. Higley located where Higley's old mill now stands and built a flour, grist and saw mill, the latter being one of the first in the county. Mrs. Chapman was born September 15, 1846, and was the recipient of a good common-school education.

After his marriage our subject removed to what is now Arenac County, where he cleared one hundred acres of land in connection with lumbering. He made his permanent location on his present estate in 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are now living, as follows: Paul P., L. H., Jane May, F. S., Jay, George D., Susie and Edith J. The home farm comprises three hundred acres, and besides that Mr. Chapman owns about five hundred acres of farming land in Arenac County, and has about five thousand acres of yellow pine land in Tuscaloosa and Hale Counties, Ala., where he also has a planing mill and private railroad. On his homestead he makes a specialty of Jersey cows, Berkshire swine and Hambletonian horses. In his politics he is a Republican and has served as Supervisor and Treasurer of Lapeer Township, Highway Commissioner and Pathmaster. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge Chapter and Council, and Knights Templar.

WILLIAM EVELAND, of Burlington Township, Lapeer County, is one of the adopted sons of this country, whose birthplace was across the line in the British possessions, but who, during the dark days of the Civil War, shouldered his musket and fell into line with other patriots to fight for the glory of the old flag. He was born in the township of Yarmouth, London District, Canada, in 1826, and remained there until at the age of twenty he came to the States and made his home in Racine, Wis., where he remained for four years. There he found a bride in the person of Miss Anna Connelly, after which he returned to the old home in Canada, where he remained for five years. In 1855 he came to Michigan and settled in Macomb County.

It was in 1864 that the subject of this sketch removed to Lapeer County, locating on section 17, Burlington Township, and that same fall he proved his allegiance to his adopted home by enlisting in Company G, Fourth Michigan Infantry, being in the engagement at Decatur, Ala., with Hood, and also taking part actively in the battle at Murfreesboro. At the close of the war he came home and followed farming, developing and cultivating a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres, eighty acres of which he still owns, besides having a nice little residence property in Clifford.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eveland were granted four children: William D., who is a resident of St. Agnes, Mich.; Betsey A., who has married William Lemmerman; Mary J., who is the wife of Jerome

Calkins; and Charles, who resides in this county. The worthy parents of our subject were Frederick and Sarah A. (DeLaw) Eveland, both of whom had their nativity in New Jersey, and the father was a participant in the War of 1812.

The political views held by Mr. Eveland, are such as bring him into sympathy and work with the Republican party, and he has held the offices of Township Treasurer and Highway Commissioner and the former for four years and the latter for seven years, and he is now President of the village and also Justice of the Peace. For character and probity, for intelligence and sincerity, he stands unchallenged, and his influence and worth are always for good in the community.

WILLIAM H. WERKHEISER & SONS. These gentlemen are the proprietors and publishers of the Genesee *Democrat* and the Flint *Evening News*, of which the son George is the editor in chief, and Frank F., business manager. The father was born in Pennsylvania, April 26, 1832, and is a son of Henry and Susan (Sherrer) Werkheiser. The former was a blacksmith by trade, and a farmer by occupation. William H., at the age of thirteen removed with his father to Easton, Pa., in 1844, and became an apprentice to the printer's trade, in the office of what is now the *Argus*, which was then called the *Democrat and Argus*. Six years later he worked for a time in Pike County, Pa., as a journeyman and in 1867 started a Democratic paper at Phillipsburg, N. J., giving it the name of the *Democrat*, but the next year began the publication of the *Evening Mail*. After three years Mr. Werkheiser sold out these papers and bought an interest in the Saltsburg *Press*, and four years later disposed of his interest there, coming to Flint in March, 1887.

In this city Mr. Werkheiser purchased the establishment with which he is now connected from A. J. Eddy, and has brought the circulation of the daily issue from four hundred and fifty to fifteen hundred, and of the weekly from eight hundred to over two thousand. He also runs a large job establishment in connection with the paper, and employs thirteen hands.

The head of this firm was married November 4, 1856, to Kiturah Trumbour, of Easton, Pa., and they have three children—Frank F., William H., Jr., and George. The eldest and youngest sons are associated with their father in business, and William H., Jr., is at South Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Werkheiser is a member of the Masonic order, and is connected with the Lutheran Church at Easton.

George Werkheiser was born at Easton, Pa., November 6, 1864, and was educated in the public schools where he was graduated from the High School in 1882, and immediately after graduation went to work on the Saltsburg *Press*, which was then owned and edited by his father and brother, F. F. Werkheiser being business manager. After remaining there for one year, he went on the *Sunday Call* at Easton, and in February 1886 he began his duties as editor of the South Bethlehem *Star*, remaining there until he removed to Flint in May, 1887. He was married November 20, 1890, to Miss Sue C. Roesch, daughter of Louis and Anna M. Roesch, of Easton, Pa. The father has been Judge of Elections of Easton, and at the last Democratic State Convention he was a delegate and helped to nominate Gov. Winans.

ANDREW H. GILLIES, who is a member of the firm of Beardslee, Gillies & Co., is engaged in the planing mill and lumber business on West Kearsley Street. The firm consists of Mr. Beardslee, our subject and Mr. Charles H. W. Conover. They have been in this business since 1865 and have carried it on in Flint since 1870, the firm name having been the same since 1867, and they are now the oldest dealers in Flint, continuing under the same name and dealing extensively in lumber.

Mr. Gillies was born in the city of New York, November 2, 1835, and is a son of William and Ann (Weeks) Gillies. When this son was quite young the family moved to Sandusky, Ohio, and

thence to Genesee County, when he was four years old. The father had died in Ohio, and the family settled in what is now Flint Township. The country school and the farm provided the education and training for this youth and he remained at home until the breaking out of the Civil War.

Andrew Gillies enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company A, Eighth Michigan Infantry, and was at once sent South with Sherman and was with him at the battle of Coosaw River, and at the capture of Ft. Pulaski, Wilmington Island and James Island. His regiment was then sent North to join McClellan and was under Burnside at Fredericksburg, the second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, and Antietam. They then went to Kentucky and were present at Vicksburg with Grant and also at Jackson, Miss., and then returned to Kentucky and East Tennessee, being present at the siege of Knoxville. He then re-enlisted and became a part of the Army of the Potomac, under Grant, and went with through the campaign of 1864 as far as Weldon Road and was sent to the hospital at Washington, D. C. He joined his regiment in April, 1865, and was mustered out with them with the rank of First Lieutenant. His service extended over four years, lacking seven days.

Upon his return to Flint Mr. Gillies located in the city and engaged in business with Mr. Beardslee, buying out another partner, who had been with that gentleman. At that time the outfit consisted of only a small mill which had just been fitted up with one planer. During the quarter of a century since this partnership began, great improvements have been made in planers and they now run several of these machines of a highly improved character and keep in their employ twenty-five men, doing a large business in their line.

Our subject was one of the organizers of the People's Electric Light Company, of Flint, of which he is the Vice-President and he was one of the early promoters of the building of the Music Hall, generously taking stock when others hesitated as to the advisability of doing this, and he is deeply interested in city real estate.

Mr. Gillies was married February 22, 1861, to Marcia, daughter of Morgan B. Persons, of Flint Township, and they have three children: their son, Marvin P., who is now in the Upper Peninsula; and two daughters, Anna and Lulu, who are at home. They are members of the Presbyterian Church in which they are highly esteemed for their character and work, and Mr. Gillies is a prominent member of the Masonic order.

ROLDON STIMSON. This former prominent citizen of Atlas Township, Genesee County, was born November 12, 1811, at Mendon, N. Y., and departed this life July 14, 1886. His parents, Joel and Betsey Stimson, brought him with them at the age of six years to Oakland County, this State, where his father died. A few years later he removed with his mother to Lapeer County, where he grew to maturity. His education was received in the public schools of Michigan and he early became a farmer.

Mr. Stimson was married November 12, 1864, to Roxana Stocker, and to them were born four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Stimson was born in Canada, March 29, 1842, and is a daughter of Dennis and Laura A. (Barnum) Stocker. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stimson are Grant, Ida, Lois, Joel, Milo and Alberto. Ida is now the wife of Herbert Pierson. It was in 1871 when he removed to section 1, Atlas Township. At his death he left a fine estate of one hundred and seventy acres, the result of his life labor. His first purchase was fifty-six acres when he was in his eighteenth year, and to this he added from time to time until he had accumulated the handsome property which he has left to his family.

We copy the following from an obituary notice published at the time of Mr. Stimson's demise: "Brother and Sister Stimson were both converted to God nine years ago, and both united with the Free Methodist Church at that time. In his death the church will feel a great loss. Brother Stimson has been a great sufferer for over a year. He was confined to his bed the last six months of his life, and was wholly unable to help himself. He was much blessed during his entire illness, and with all his suffering he seemed to bask in immortal sun-

shine. His room was continually thronged by the unsaved; neighbors, pilgrims and strangers received words of exhortation or warning as the Lord seemed to direct him. He especially urged his unsaved brothers to flee to Christ. Frequently during the paroxysms of pain he would pray the Lord to give him rest and immediately rest would come to his suffering body."

"During the last visit of his physician he questioned him, desiring to know just what he thought of his case, and said, 'Doctor, I am ready to go or stay.' The Doctor, although somewhat skeptical, replied, 'I have no doubt of it.' Before his departure he called the family to his bedside, talked to them as only a dying husband and father could talk, commending them to God, and sealed the last farewell with an impressive kiss. His last prayer was 'Father, let Thy blessings rest upon my family when I am gone.' His last audible utterance was 'I am going home.'"

"Brother Stimson is dead and yet he lives, not only in the hearts of the community and his bereaved sorrowing family, but in the heaven prepared for the redeemed of earth. Services were held in his own house. He had chosen his pall bearers, and requested the writer to officiate at his funeral. A large concourse of neighbors, relatives and friends gathered, and fifty carriages followed his remains to the village cemetery, where they quietly laid him to rest."

PHILIP P. HILL. This worthy son of a worthy father, was born in Genesee County, N. Y., November 4, 1845. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Smith) Hill, were both Vermonters, and the father was born July 17, 1814, and removed to Genesee County, N. Y., soon after his marriage. There he engaged in farming until his emigration in 1846, to Davison Township, Genesee County, this State, where he purchased eighty acres of land, and moved into a log house and added to his acreage from year to year as he found himself able. His was one of the three families living in his school district when it was organized, and he is still living, and has been efficient in township affairs, having filled the office of Treasurer and other minor offices. He has been a member of the Baptist Church since its organization here and has been a Deacon nearly all his years of maturity. His good wife passed from this life, July 24, 1872, being then fifty-six years old. She was an earnest and active member of the Baptist Church.

Our subject is one of eight surviving members of his parents' family of ten. Up to the age of nine years he attended school, but after that age he could go only in the winters as in the summer there was plenty of work for the little boy to do on the farm. After he was twenty-one years old he began farming the old homestead, and remained there until his marriage, May 19, 1872, with Eliza Mann, who was a Canadian by birth, and whose father was George Mann, a native of England, born April 13, 1809, who came to America in 1839. He followed farming, first in Canada and then in Michigan, coming to this county in 1854. He is now living in Richfield Township, and his faithful wife, Keziah Lassam, who was of English birth, died in 1875.

Our subject has given to his three children good school advantages. Their names are George P., William E. and Sarah E. He is attached to the doctrines of the Republican party, but votes the Temperance ticket when he feels that that question is uppermost. School offices and the position of Highway Commissioner have been his, and he is now Guardian of Minors, and as an agriculturist he is deeply interested in the work of the Patrons of Industry, and both he and his estimable wife belong to the Baptist Church, where he is both Deacon and Treasurer.

Mr. Hill's one hundred and sixty-two and one-half acres of choice land may well be called a model farm, and this property has been gained a little at a time. In 1881 he erected a large frame house which is truly an ornament to the township, while the splendid condition of the farm reflects great credit upon the hand that manages it. Here all kinds of live stock are raised, and Mr. Hill introduces progressive methods into all his work. He

with each of his brothers and sisters receive from the generous hand of a father $1,000 each, and all are living within an hour's drive of each other, so that they form a delightful circle for social and family gatherings. The grandfather, Israel Hill, was a Vermonter by birth, and early removed to Western New York, where he died in the winter of 1870 at the age of eighty-six years.

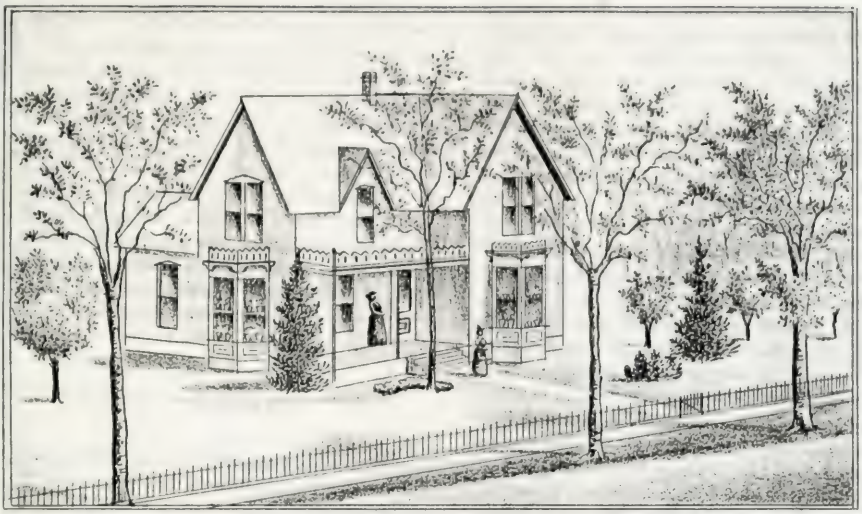
JOHN H. CAREY who lives on section 18, Flint Township, Genesee County, was born in Oakland County, this State, November 18, 1838. He is a son of the late Henry Carey, who was born in Sussex, England, and his mother was Hannah (Kemp) Carey, a native of Breed, England. They were married in their native land and came to America in October, 1838, settling in Oakland County, this State. The father was a farmer by avocation. The mother died in the town of Avon, Oakland County, March 28, 1888, while on a visit to their old home, the parents having made their home with our subject since 1883. Her husband died July 10, 1891.

Our subject was one of nine children born to his parents, he being the third in order of birth. He was reared and educated in his native place and lived at home until twenty years of age when he began working out by the month. In 1859 he went to California, the trip there consuming four and one-half months, although it could now be made in about as many days. After working on a farm in California some two years, Mr. Carey returned to this State and soon after, January 1, 1862, settled on the place where he now resides. In the latter part of October, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-seventh Michigan Infantry and served until the following October when he was discharged on account of disability. He took part in the engagement at the Wilderness in 1864, also at Spottsylvania Courthouse, at North Ann River, Pamunky River, and Cold Harbor; June 3, 1864, he was wounded in the right foot and was compelled to submit to amputation. Several years after returning home he was obliged, in 1876, to undergo a second amputation. He is a member of Gov. Crapo Post, No. 145, G. A. R. of the Michigan Department.

Mr. Carey was first married in Oakland County, Mich., October 28, 1864, to Miss Helen M. Eaton, who was born in Oakland County, this State, August 15, 1836. She bore him four children, whose names are Imogene, Elmer G., Cora J. and Blanche. The eldest daughter is the wife of Traverse Brockaway; Elmer G. married Gertrude Fisher; the youngest child died in infancy. Mrs. Helen Carey died in Flint Township, October 3, 1875. Our subject was again married in Oakland County, Mich., January 12, 1878, to Hannah M. Jackson, who was born in Macomb County, this State, April 27, 1840. She bore him one child, a son, John H. Mrs. Hannah Carey died in Flint Township, November 19, 1880.

Mr. Carey was again united in marriage in Flint, May 24, 1882, to Miss A. Delora Eggleston, a daughter of John D. and Merilda (Beecher) Eggleston, and was born here March 14, 1852. The parents of Mrs. Carey are natives of Orleans County, N. Y., the father born September 14, 1810, and the mother October 17, 1819. John D. Eggleston is a son of John A. and Martha (Hadsell) Eggleston, also natives of the Empire State. Merilda (Beecher) Eggleston is a daughter of Chauncy and Arila (Stuart) Beecher, natives respectively of Connecticut and New York. In January, 1836, John D. Eggleston came to Michigan and rented for a time the Miles farm in Flint Township. Remaining there but a few years he and his father purchased adjoining tracts on section 17, the same township. At that time when the settlers desired to cross the river they were ferried over by the Indians in their canoes; the nearest neighbors were five and six miles away; and the nearest grist-mill, to which they had to go to mill, was at Birmingham, Oakland County, fifty miles away.

Remaining on that farm until the winter of 1854–55, Mr. Eggleston purchased his present farm on section 17, where he and his good wife have since resided. He has now reached the age of fourscore and one years, and enjoys reasonably good health. It is a pleasure to him to meet old friends



RESIDENCE OF MRS. DANIEL REID, GLIO. MICH.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN H. CAREY, SEC. 18., FLINT TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.

of those early days and recount the many interesting events of pioneer times. He is much loved by all who know him and especially by the little children, to whom he is familiarly known as Grandpa.

Our subject has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits and has been very successful in his chosen calling. He is the owner of seventy-six and a half acres of land and has good buildings upon his place, a view of which appears on another page. He has held the office of Township Treasurer, also Justice of the Peace and Health Office. He has also taken an active part in political affairs and is a stanch and loyal Republican. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Flint, and are good and conscientious Christians who live up to the best principles as laid down by the Master.

DANIEL REID. This gentleman, although deceased, still lives in the esteem of his family and friends, having, although modest and retiring in his temperament, always held an unimpeachable reputation for integrity and honor, and being one whose adherence to principle gave an elevating influence to those with whom he came in contact. An active student of the best literature, he was well informed on all topics of interest and was a pleasant conversationalist. He was also a solid business man, able by the exercise of good judgment and acute perception, to accumulate a competency and leave his family in the possession of a comfortable income. He died April 15, 1886, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in the village of Clio.

For many years a resident of Clio, Mr. Reid was engaged there in business as a druggist, having the largest establishment of the kind in the vicinity. He was a native of Ontario County, N. Y., and was born in 1835. When he was two years old he was brought by his father, Hulburt Reid, to Michigan, they settling in the township of Almont, near the village of that name. Hulburt Reid purchased one hundred and eighty acres of fine, wild land, which he cleared from its primitive condition and improved with a substantial set of farm buildings. He now has one of the finest farms in that section of the country, and upon it he makes his home, being at this writing (1891) eighty-three years of age. He is an upright man who enjoys the confidence of his fellow-citizens and is in his advanced years enjoying the fruits of labors in his youth.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Lydia Wheaton, and she was a native of New York. She died in Almont, in 1890, at the age of seventy-two. Daniel Reid passed his youth in the Wolverine State receiving a rather meager education in the district schools, and devoting his attention principally to acquiring a thorough knowledge of farm work. In his early manhood, at the age of twenty-three, he removed to Illinois, where he purchased and improved a farm near Champaign. After bringing it to a good state of cultivation he sold it at an advanced price on the original cost. He then returned to Almont, whence, after spending one year, he removed to Marquette, and there for one year he was engaged as a contractor and builder.

January 17, 1869, Daniel Reid and Miss Celestia Southwell were united in marriage. The bride was the daughter of Albert and Lucinda (Sandborn) Southwell, and was born May 21, 1836, in Lapeer County, this State. Her father, who was born in 1816, near Alexandria, Orleans County, N. Y., came to Michigan in 1836, and located in Almont Township, Lapeer County. He followed his trade of a blacksmith until his death, which occurred in the village of Almont in 1839. His wife survived him six years, and passed away in 1845. Shortly after Mr. Reid's marriage he came to Clio, and embarked in business as a druggist, continuing thus engaged about sixteen years, and until his death. By honest dealings with all and genial courtesy he won the kindly feelings of the people of the village and surrounding country, and his business was most prosperous. In his political belief he adhered to the principles of the Republican party, and cast his ballot in favor of the candidates of that party. He served in various minor offices, among them that of township Treasurer, which he filled efficiently and satisfactorily.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reid,

namely: Maud, born January 20, 1870; Frank, who was born December 20, 1876 and died in infancy; Bessie, born July 4, 1778, also died in infancy, and one child that died unnamed. The surviving child, now an accomplished young lady, was educated in the Clio schools and is a fine musician. She is taking the last year of the C. L. S. C. work, and expects to graduate in the spring of 1892. The summer of 1891 she spent with her mother at Bay View, attending the Chautauqua sessions. The two, mother and daughter, usually spend the summer months in visiting. They have a lovely home, replete with evidences of taste and refinement, and containing a fine library. A view of their beautiful residence is presented on another page of this volume.

WILLIAM COLERICK, of the firm of Colerick & Martin, of Almont, Lapeer County, was born in Quebec, in June, 1827. The father, Samuel Colerick was born in Birmingham, England and the mother, Margaret Murphy, was a native of the Island of Corfu. Samuel Colerick was a British soldier for twenty-seven years and fought in the battle of Waterloo, where he was wounded and received a decoration for his bravery. His death occurred in London, Canada in 1857, and he left four children, three sons and one daughter, only one of whom besides our subject survives; Henry, who lives in London, Canada, and has a large family.

Most of the boyhood days of Mr. Colerick were spent in London, Canada, where he received his common-school education and at seventeen began his apprenticeship to the tinners' trade, and in 1846 came to Almont, where he kept a tin shop until 1861. The following year he was appointed Postmaster. Five months later he left the office in the hands of a deputy and enlisted in Company L, First Michigan Cavalry, serving from August 17, 1861 to March 22, 1866. He was in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged and received one flesh wound. It was while carrying orders for Gen. Custer that our subject had his horse shot from under him in the battle of Hagerstown and was consequently taken prisoner, but made his escape by the aid of a kind negro and a friendly Scotchman, by whose help he was enabled to return to his regiment. He was promoted from the rank of a private to that of an Orderly Sergeant, then to that of Second Lieutenant and in 1864 was made Captain. He was on the staff of Gen. Custer and was appointed Inspector General on the staff of Gen. Peter Stagg. During the latter part of his term of service he was at Ft. Bridger, Utah.

He of whom we write had been married in March 1849, to Miss Clarissa Humphrey of Almont, who was a native of Darien, N. Y. Their eldest daughter Alice, married Frank Follansbee and with her husband and one son lives in Port Huron. Emma is the wife of Frederick Bristol, a druggist of Lapeer, and son of U. D. Bristol whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Upon his return from the army our subject entered into the mercantile business in a general store and has been thus engaged ever since.

The Republican party commands the vote and influence of Mr. Colerick and his first vote was cast for Gen. Lewis Cass. He was elected Sheriff in 1880 being re-elected at the end of that term. He belongs to the order of the Knights Templar and is a member of Blue Lodge No. 51, Almont.

EDWIN L. HILL. Among the representative residents of Kingston Township, Tuscola County, is this gentleman, who was born in 1859, in Ingham County, Mich. He is a son of Lyman and Jane (King) Hill, and is one of five children of the parental home, all of whom are still living, namely: Augusta (now the wife of Alvin Cutler, of Rhode Island); John B., of Oklahoma, I. T.; Edwin L., our subject; Charles W. living in Illinois and Frank P., of New York City.

The father of our subject who is yet living in this county has through his life mainly engaged in farming, but has often taken up different branches of business and is at present engaged with his son Edwin in the insurance business in Illinois. Our

subject came to Tuscola County with his parents when but seven years old, they being among the first settlers, and he saw much of the hardships of a new country as well as its amusements and sports. He was fond of the chase and had the pleasure of shooting game with which the great forests abounded.

Mr. Hill is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of fine land, over two hundred acres of which are well improved. His married life began in 1884 as he was then united with Viola B. Chatfield, daughter of Daniel B. and Charlotte M. Chatfield. The father of Mrs. Hill was born in New York in 1825, and was a miller by trade, although he had been reared upon a farm and had followed the calling of a farmer for about thirty-five years. It was late in life when he undertook the miller's trade and followed it for about fifteen years when he moved to Kingston and again undertook farming, which he carried on until his death which occurred in 1889.

In 1848 Mr. Chatfield married Charlotte M. daughter of Harmon and Pauline (Kelley) Payne, and to them were born ten children, seven of whom are still living. Their names are Nora H. now the wife of Wilber Lockwood, of Tuscola County; Jefferson, who lives in Genesee County; Charles F. of Tuscola County; Arthur L., Clinton, Viola B. (Mrs. Hill), Lulu M., wife of Albert Chatfield, and Ray M., of Kingston. To our subject and his wife have been granted three children, Lucy B., Edna V. and Cassius E., all of whom are bright and interesting children and promise to be a joy and comfort to their parents.

ROBERT E. FARNAM. The largest and finest jewelry establishment in Flint is owned by the gentleman whose name appears above. Mr. Farnam is a man whose chief characteristic is his originality. He is a man who is independent of the estimation of others, who reads what he likes to read, wears what he wants to wear and professes no formal creed. He was born in West Bloomfield, Oakland County, this State, December 11, 1839, and is a son of Joseph S. Farnam, a native of New York State. His paternal grandsire, Philo Farnam, was born in Western New York and served in the War of 1812. In 1830 he came to Michigan with his family, locating in East Bloomfield.

Our subject's grandfather, who was of English descent, improved a farm which was Government land. He died when seventy-two years of age. Joseph Farnam was about twenty years of age on coming to this State and he then took up a tract of eighty acres of Government land. He was in the Toledo War. He died May 19, 1881, having been an invalid for the last twenty-five years of his life. He came to Davisburg, where he resided for seven years. Thence he came to Flint where he lived until his decease. Our subject's mother was Miss Mary A. Irwin, a native of Newburg, N.Y. Her father, James Irwin, was a boot and shoe merchant and an early settler in West Bloomfield.

Our subject is the only child born to his parents. He remained at home until about seventeen years of age and then went to Ypsilanti Normal School and in 1858 entered the college, which he attended two years, afterward locating in Flint, making his advent here in March, 1860. While a youth he had learned the jewelry business and also telegraphy and on coming to Flint he entered the employ of Mr. True, jeweler and telegrapher. He used to take messages and send them to Saginaw by the mail stage. After six months with that gentleman he entered the employ of M. S. Elmore, remaining with him until 1865, when he launched into business for himself in the jewelry trade, locating at No. 320 Saginaw Street, where he began on a small scale. In 1868 our subject entered into partnership with W. L. Gibson, with whom he remained until 1870. This gentleman was succeeded by our subject's father, who acted as silent partner until his death. Since then he has been running the business alone. In 1879 he located at No. 125 Saginaw Street, where he carries a large line of the choicest novelties in jewelry. He has also dealt quite extensively in sewing machines. He also carries sporting goods and a fine line of guns.

Mr. Farnam has ever refused to hold office,

either political or social. The time that is spared him from his business, to which, however, he is closely devoted, is spent in association with literary and scientific people and works. He aims to elevate the ego to the highest possible mental point. Our subject was married in Flint, September 27, 1864, his bride being Miss Isabella L. Gibson, a native of Rochester, N. Y. They have one child, a son, whose name is Arthur A. and who is in business with his father. Mr. Farnam is a Master Mason and belongs to the Royal Arcanum. His wife, who is a most estimable lady, is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The Republican principles are to him the most reasonable and promising.

CORYDON E. FOOTE. This gentleman who is now serving his second term as Alderman of the second ward of Flint, was known throughout the days of the war as the boy soldier, as he enlisted the day after he was thirteen years old, and although the youngest in his regiment showed real soldierly qualities and endurance. He is now engaged in the business of taking contracts for roofing and galvanized iron work. His birth was in Grand Blanc, January 9, 1849, and his father, Col. Eli Foote, was born in New London, Conn.

Eli Foote came in 1841 or 1842 to the Wolverine State and for a while made his home in Pontiac, but soon removed to Grand Blanc, where he engaged in harness-making, which he had carried on at the East. His former home had been Lima, N. Y., and he was there the Colonel of the Nineteenth Regiment, New York militia. In 1853 he located in Flint where he carried on his trade until age led him to retire from active work and he died here in 1878 in his eighty-fifth year. His political views brought him into affiliation with the Democratic party. His good wife, Marana, was a daughter of Wakeman Lyon, of Massachusetts, who had been a pioneer farmer at Lima. This venerable woman, now eighty-five years old, resides with our subject. Her four children are Hannah, William H., George W., and Corydon E.

Hannah is now Mrs. W. Davison and resides at Grand Blanc, and William H. carries on a hardware business at Davison. George, whose home is in Flint, enlisted in 1861 in Company G, Eighth Michigan Infantry, became a veteran and served all through the war. At Hilton's Head he was shot through the leg and at Petersburg received a wound in the face.

Our subject was only four years old when he came to Flint and was still attending the union schools when the war broke out. He enlisted January 10, 1862, in Company F, Tenth Michigan Infantry, and went South in April. He was in the Mississippi campaign under Pope and Halleck, was transferred to Tennessee where he took part in that campaign under Thomas and Rosecrans. He also participated in the Atlanta campaign under Sherman, following him in the celebrated march to the sea. During his three years of service he participated in the following battles: Farmington, Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and Knoxville. This boy was also in the fight at Resaca, and in the conflicts at Peach Tree Creek, Rome, Dallas, Chattahoochee, Marietta, and the siege of Atlanta. While the regiment lay in camp at Rossville, just before the Atlanta campaign, the regiment was ordered out on a reconnoiter and at Buzzard's Roost were surprised and lost eighty-nine men in five minutes' time. When Hood swung around Atlanta and started for Nashville, his division was ordered to Chattanooga in pursuit of that general and upon reaching Galesville, Ala., they received orders to return to Atlanta, marching again into Georgia and at Cartersville the regiment voted at the second election of Abraham Lincoln. They tore up the railroad from there to Marietta and rejoined the army at Atlanta. The next day they started on the march to the sea.

This young man received his honorable discharge February 22, 1865, at Sisters Ferry, Ga., on the Savannah River, and returned home, having just completed his sixteenth year. His clothes were riddled with bullet holes yet he was never wounded nor was he taken prisoner. He had been the drummer boy of the regiment all through this period of the service.

Corydon Foote now determined to acquire more

education and attended school for two years and at the age of eighteen began an apprenticeship as tinsmith. Having served his time he worked as journeyman for a number of years and finally, in 1885, established the business which he is now carrying on. He was married in Flint, November 3, 1874, to Miss Mary Holmes, a native of this city and a daughter of Frederick Holmes, a pioneer and furniture dealer here. Mrs. Foote died December 23, 1882, leaving two children—Kate and Hugh Foote—the latter of whom is deceased.

Our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Having filled all the Chairs in the subordinate lodge he was selected to represent his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Michigan. He also belongs to Crapo Post, G. A. R. He has always been a Democrat, with liberal views on the currency and labor reform movements, and at different times has represented his party as a delegate to county and State conventions.

JABEZ A. FRISE, a young man of more than ordinary talent and business capacity and one of the largest music dealers in Michigan outside of Detroit, was born in Mariposa, Clark Township, Ontario, Canada, September 14, 1854. His father, William Frise, was born in Devonshire, England, in the city of Plymouth. Near there his grandfather, John, carried on a large farm, and in 1843 brought his family to Ontario, Canada, where his father died. The family is of old English stock.

The father of our subject was a boy of about eighteen when he accompanied his parents to America, and he was married in Ontario. About the year 1860 he located in London Township, that province, and there engaged in farming. He was an active member of the Methodist Church, and was accidentally killed while working in a well with a neighbor. His wife, Olivia, daughter of the Rev. Garrance T. Colwell, was born in London, England, and came with her parents to America at the same time and in the same ship with the Frise family. Mr. Colwell was a tailor in England, but took up study for the ministry after coming to this country, and was ordained a Bible Christian minister in Canada.

Of the twelve children of his father's household our subject has five brothers and one sister surviving. He had limited school advantages, and may well be called a self-made man. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to a tinsmith for three years, and after that worked as a journeyman at St. Mary's and Lucan. After this he went to Petrolia, Lambton County, where he took charge of a tin and hardware business, of which he had the entire management for six years.

While residing in this last-named place Mr. Frise was married, April 30, 1877, to Miss Susie McNeil, a native of Port Huron, this State. His family now comprises four bright and interesting children—Willie A., Mabel L., Eva M. and Susie P. From Petrolia Mr. Frise removed to London, and with his uncle, C. F. Colwell, learned the music business, and for three years traveled on the road selling instruments. In 1881 he came to Detroit and entered the employ of Roe Stevens, making with him a six years' contract. Eighteen months later Mr. Stevens sold his business to the Detroit Music Company, and Mr. Frise entered their employ, representing them on the road until September 23, 1888. At that time he originated his present business in Flint, whither he had previously removed his family.

Here Mr. Frise has been very successful, as he has built up a trade, both wholesale and retail, in instruments of all kinds, and has three men on the road. The pianos which he handles most extensively are Kranich & Bach, the W. W. Kimball, and the Emerson, while in organs he handles largely the Story & Clark, the W. W. Kimball, and the J. A. Frise, the latter make bearing improvements of his own in the placing of reeds and also in the Vox Humana. In connection with pianos and organs Mr. Frise carries a full line of band instruments and music of all kinds. He has been ably assisted by his wife, who during his absence has charge of the store, besides acting as book-keeper.

Mr. Frise owns considerable real estate in this

city and is prominent in business circles. He is a member of Genesee Lodge, No. 171, F. & A. M., Washington Chapter, No. 15, Flint Council, No. 56, Royal and Select Masters, and Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, K. T. The Order of Foresters counts him as one of its best known and most influential members, as he is at present the High Chief Ranger of the order in Michigan, the highest office to which he can attain. He is a demitted member of the order of Odd Fellows, and also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees. In his politics he is a Republican, and is influential in the ranks of his party.

WILLIAM A. SLEEMAN. We are gratified to lay before our readers a sketch of this well-known citizen of Imlay City, who was born in London, Canada, September 15, 1847, and who is a son of William and Catherine (Hicks) Sleeman, natives of Devonshire, England. They were born in the same parish and were married in England, after which they removed from their native home and came to Canada.

The father of our subject was a farmer and his son was trained upon the farm until he was about seven years of age, after which he was in London for five years and afterward returned to the country. He received a common-school education and at the age of fifteen began to learn his trade in London, serving a regular apprenticeship, receiving his board and clothes the first year and during the last year being paid $125. He became a thorough and practical blacksmith and after leaving his master worked in various places in Canada as a journeyman, and came to Michigan in the fall of 1867. He found employment first in Detroit and afterward spent a year in Flint. He also spent some time in Grand Rapids and Romeo. In Bay City he started a shop of his own and there he was married on the 5th of March, 1872, to Miss Minnie Cooper. This lady was born in London, England, November 1, 1852. She is a daughter of John and Margaret Cooper.

Mr. Sleeman was for a number of years in the employ of A. W. Sage & Co., well-known lumbermen of West Bay City, and did all their blacksmithing. He lived at Lindon, Genesee County, for two years and came to Imlay City in 1885. Here he has a good home and also owns his own shop. He is a man of intelligence and more than ordinary observation and thought and he has the reputation of doing the best work in the county.

Our subject and his worthy wife have three bright, interesting daughters. Blanche graduated from the High School here in 1891 and expects to be a teacher; she was born in West Bay City, July 16, 1873. Grace was born July 8, 1875, and is a member of the Class of '93 in the High School, and Margaret, who was born October 7, 1879, will be a school girl for some years to come.

The doctrines of the Republican party commend themselves to the judgment of Mr. Sleeman and he is a member of the Village Board of Trustees and is serving his second term thereon, and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he has held all the offices and represented the Lodge at the Grand Lodge at Saginaw in 1891. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. The mother of this highly esteemed citizen makes her home with him most of the time as she has been for many years a widow, having been bereaved by the death of her husband in May, 1872.

THEODORE STICKLE, a farmer residing in Koylton Township, Tuscola County, was born in 1838 in Dutchess County, N. Y., and is a son of Henry I. and Sophia Stickle. The father, who was born in 1800 in the same county which became the birthplace of his son, was reared on a farm and always followed agricultural pursuits. In 1854 he removed his family to another part of his native State and there passed away in 1876. His wife was the daughter of Henry Coopernail, of Dutchess County, and survived her husband five years. This worthy couple held membership in the Lutheran Church.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Andrew Stickle, who was born in Dutchess County,

N. Y., and led the quiet, uneventful life of a farmer. Great-grandfather Nicholas Stickle was one of seven brothers who emigrated from Germany and enlisted in the Revolutionary War, one being killed while in service. Theodore Stickle, of this sketch, began life for himself at the age of nineteen years, settling on a farm in Wayne County, N. Y., where he remained until 1856. At that time he removed West, and coming to Michigan, settled in Genesee County, where he remained on a farm until he came to his present home in Tuscola County in 1881.

Upon his arrival in this county Mr. Stickle purchased one hundred and twenty acres of timber land and in the lapse of ten years we see the forest swept before his ax and instead of the mighty pine claiming the soil we find the most flourishing crops. In 1860 Mr. Stickle was married to Clarissa, the daughter of Paul and Clara Scovel, and of this union six children have been born, three of whom died young. The surviving ones are Nelson, Albert and William.

GRUSSELL PARKER. Prominent in social and agricultural circles is the family represented by the name at the head of this paragraph. This well-known farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 28, Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, is a native of Oakland County, and was born November 6, 1839. He is a son of Jonathan D. and Abigail (Case) Parker, the latter being a native of Connecticut and the former of Massachusetts. Jonathan Parker emigrated with his family to Oakland County, Mich., in 1837, and buying land from the Government at $1.25 per acre, established himself here, carrying on the farm until his death in June, 1888. Five of the six children survive, namely: Sarah, wife of H. H. Cook; G. Russell, Willis, Abigail, wife of Edward Parsons; and Henry. The family made its home in a log cabin and undertook pioneer work and here our subject was reared to manhood and received his early education in the district schools supplementing his studies there by a short course in the High School at Flint, after which he taught school for several winters. For four years he engaged in buying and shipping grain at Grand Blanc, previous to which he had carried on mercantile business in that village, and somewhat later he was also in the grain business at Fenton.

In the spring of 1877 Mr. Parker settled upon a farm on section 17, Grand Blanc Township, where his son, Walter, now lives, and it was in the spring of 1890 that he established himself where he now resides upon a property of one hundred and twenty-five acres. His first marriage brought him a true helpmate in the person of Helen King, and by her he had one son—Walter. After her death he married Almira Parsons, to whom have been granted four children, one of whom has passed away. The three who are living are James W., Clare H., and Sarah A.

The original of our sketch has served the township of Grand Blanc as Clerk and for several years was Justice of the Peace. He is earnestly in favor of all movements for the purification of society and the elevation of the commonwealth, and in his political views is in sympathy and in work with the Prohibition party. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and the Congregational Church counts both him and his family among its prominent members. In the work of the Sunday-school he is unusually efficient and has acted as Superintendent. He is considered as among the leading and prosperous agriculturists of Genesee County.

WILLIAM E. BEST, M. D., of North Branch Township, Lapeer County, was born in Oxford County, Dereham Township, Canada, January 20, 1840, and is the son of Conrad and Catherine (Louks) Best. The father was born and reared in Germany and the mother was a native of the Green Mountain State. Conrad Best came to this country when only a lad and here undertook farming and it was upon his father's farm that our subject had his early training and

education, attending first the common-schools and when twelve years of age entering Victoria College at Coburg, of which institution his father was one of the founders. A year later he entered the University of Toronto where he went to prepare himself for the ministry, but after two years in that institution he came to the decision that he was not a fit subject to undertake the sacred duties of the profession and changed his object in life.

The young man now took a course of study at at Ralph's Medical School in Toronto after which he entered the University of Philadelphia whence he graduated in 1860, being then less than twenty-one years of age. Having now received his degree of Doctor of Medicine, he returned to Canada, and as his father had died during the year he devoted himself for some time to settling up the estate and remained there for two years. In 1863 he returned to the States and took a position as Assistant Surgeon at St. John's Hospital in Little Rock, Ark., where he was retained for six months, but as he was dissatisfied here he sought and obtained another position as Assistant Surgeon in the United States Navy which he filled until the close of the war.

In the fall of 1865 the young doctor came to North Branch and began the general practice of medicine which he has since continued here without change of residence. He was married February 22, 1868, to Elizabeth Dunham of North Branch, a daughter of Nathan Dunham, of this place. To her was born one child—Elizabeth B., but when this unfortunate little one was but three days old it was bereaved of a mother's love and care, as Mrs. Best died April 5, 1870. Dr. Best's second marriage took place December 25, 1871, and she who became his wife was Rachel Jane Lammerman of North Branch. She is now the mother of one child—Alena Maud, who was born March 14, 1873. They have lost three children, all dying in infancy.

The doctrines of the Republican party are those which Dr. Best considers most conducive to the ultimate prosperity of the country. He now holds the office of County Physican of Lapeer County, besides being Inspector of Schools, and Pension Examiner for the Government. Every one of the minor offices in the gift of the people of this place has been given him, and his popularity is undoubted. On two different occasions he has lost nearly all his property by fire, at one time his residence, barn, opera house, etc., being destroyed and the second time he lost his office, library and instruments, but he has rallied from these misfortunes and is a successful man.

NICHOLAS S. SHIPPY was born in Adams Township, Jefferson County, N. Y. on the 25th of August 1821, and is now a resident of North Branch Township, Lapeer County. Pascoag, R. I., was the native town of his parents, Stephen and Abigail (Salsberry) Shippy. When our subject was but nine months old his parents came in 1822 to Michigan, locating in Oakland County, thus becoming pioneer farmers of that region. During the winter terms the boy attended the common-schools and had to make the most of the advantages thus obtained, as his help was needed on the farm during the summers. His early experiences accustomed him to privations, hardships and hard work, and he assisted his parents in carrying on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one, at which time he bought a place for himself.

Here the young man lived until 1851 when he came to Lapeer County and settled on section 2, of North Branch Township. He claims that he chopped the first tree for the improvement of the land. He took up his land from the Government under the second graduation act at fifty cents per acre and having built a log cabin he began to make clearings. During the first year he succeeded in clearing only forty acres but continued his work in this direction until he now has it all cleared but sixty acres.

Christmas Day, 1840, is the date of the marriage of our subject with Miss Sarah M. Fellows, of Dryden, this county. Their two children, Charles W. and Priscilla have both left the parental home and gone to establish families of their own. One child, a girl, died at the age of two years. Mr.

Yours Truly
Wm. D. Penoyer

Shippy holds that the Democratic faith embodies the doctrines which are safest for the country and best adapted to secure its prosperity and he has ever taken a lively interest in politics. He has filled the offices of Commissioner of Highways, Supervisor and Treasurer.

He of whom we write is a thorough and practical farmer and has a variety of crops besides raising a good grade of live stock on his place. The improvements upon his farm have all been put there by himself as it has been his since it came from the hands of the Government, and its fine cultivation reflects great credit upon him.

WILLIAM D. PENOYER. The portrait presented on the opposite page perpetuates the lineaments of this gentleman, who is the oldest pioneer settler in Flushing Township, having resided here fifty-five years, a period longer than any man in its bounds. The greatest regard and esteem is due him from the people of to-day who enjoy the advantages which he with other early pioneers struggled and denied himself in order to get. He has been connected and prominently so with the building up of Flushing. At the present time he is enjoying the result of his early labors in his beautiful home, which is one of the best farms in this township. His place comprises two hundred and five acres of land on sections 22 and 23, Flushing Township, Genesee County.

Mr. Penoyer was born in Onondaga County, N. Y., January 26, 1824, and is a son of David and Levina (Nichols) Penoyer, natives of the Empire State. His father held various positions of trust prior to his coming West, and he was Sheriff of Onondaga County for some time. He was engaged in the handling of fine horses and came to Michigan in 1834. He returned home, however, but in 1836 came back to Michigan to make a permanent settlement. He came on the steamer "Robert Fulton" to Detroit and spent three months in Oakland County. Our subject came on in the meantime with another family, as he was to live with Jarvis Bailey. He drove the first horse team that ever came to what is now Flushing Township. They first stopped east of Flushing village, two miles up the Flint River and remained there for three months, thence taking the boat down the river five miles. They located on the farm now known as the Failing place and there remained two years.

Our subject then became engaged with his father in chopping and clearing a place, for which he was to receive one hundred and sixty acres on the Flint River two miles east of Flushing. Their home was a log house and in it they lived for eight years. They then moved to Flushing, where the father died in September, 1846. The mother passed away in September, 1883. Our subject's father was a Democrat. He had nine children, of whom six are now living. They are William D., Lewis, Charles H., Homer, Esther and Ellen. Lewis lives in Saginaw City; Charles H. in Mt. Morris; Homer in Flushing; Esther is Mrs. O. F. Clark, of Flushing and Ellen is Mrs. A. N. Niles, also of Flushing.

On first coming into the country the work was rough and hard. They had roads to cut out and the nearest trading point was at such a distance that the settlers learned to do without many things that most people consider necessities. At that time they paid $18 per barrel for flour and $30 per barrel for pork and the journey to and from the nearest trading point, which was Detroit, took ten days. Venison was their staple article of meat food. Our subject was educated in the log schoolhouse in Flushing Township. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and then purchased forty acres which was the nucleus of the farm whereon he now lives. He paid for the place $7.50 per acre and gave his horse in trade. The place was heavily timbered and about a fourth of it pine land. There was a little shanty, 12x24 feet in dimensions in which he lived for eight years and then built a frame house which was his home until 1874, when he built his present beautiful place.

Meantime Mr. Penoyer added to his original purchase, until it is now of no inconsiderable size. He has held various offices in the township having been Constable for twelve years. Our subject was married in 1849 to Miss Sarah A. Martin of Flint,

a daughter of George L. Martin. This union was blessed by the birth of three children—George, Leman and Ada. George married Miss Adell Turner; Ada married E. L. Beecher, of Clayton Township. Mrs. Sarah Penoyer died February 9, 1887. Mr. Penoyer was united to his present wife December 20, 1887, she being Miss Louise Delbridge of Genesee County. She is a daughter of William L. and Grace (Delbridge) Delbridge, natives of England, who came to America in 1835. In 1844 they came to Michigan and settled at St. John's, Clinton County, and thence came to Flushing Township where they lived for five or six years and then moved to Flushing village. Our subject is a Republican in politics and has always held to those principles. He has always been a very good shot and has often killed deer while running through the woods, at one time killing two before breakfast. He takes great delight in telling that Mrs. Harrison, the oldest lady pioneer in the township, made for him two pair of deerskin trousers from the hide of deer killed by himself and tanned by the Indians.

REV. JAMES ELLIS. This venerable and estimable clergyman was born in Devonshire, England, August 28, 1818, and there had training as a farmer's boy, and remained in England until he was thirty years of age at which time he came to America with his wife and settled in Oakland County, Mich., where he worked out by the month for some time. Later he came to Flint where he was in the employ of H. M. Henderson for several months, and then bought a small farm in Flint Township, which he improved and cultivated and resided upon for seven years. He then exchanged that property for a part of that where he now lives in Mundy Township and settled upon this farm, where he has since resided. Upon his two hundred and eighty acres he has excellent improvements.

Sarah Pound was the maiden name of her who became the wife of our subject in Devonshire, England; she is a native of that shire and after coming to this country became the mother of two children, one of whom died in infancy and the other, Mary, became the wife of Myron Chapel, and died in Mundy Township, leaving one child, Willard E. Mr. Ellis has served his townsmen as Highway Commissioner and has held various school offices. Local political affairs have interested him and he has been active in the support of the Prohibition cause although loyal to the principles of the Republican party.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is the religious body with which this truly good man has been identified from boyhood, having been a member of it and a local preacher in its service for about fifty years. While living in England he worked six days in the week and on Sunday he walked twenty miles to preach and never received any money as a salary. His preaching of the gospel has been blessed to the spiritual benefit of the people among whom he has labored and he is ever ready to spend and be spent in the service of the Master. He has preached for a long time in the vicinity where he now lives and is most useful in this work. Before coming to America his connection was with the Wesleyan Methodist Church but he is now a member of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. This worthy member of society and laborer for the good of the community met with a severe bereavement in the death of his wife, May 14, 1883, but he bears his affliction with true Christian fortitude and devotes himself even more faithfully to the good of others.

BAKER McNEIL, a prominent farmer of Lapeer County, resides on his finely improved homestead on section 13, Attica Township. He was born in the town of Wales, St. Clair County, this State, February 12, 1818. John McNeil, father of our subject, was born in Batavia, Genesee County, N. Y., in 1812 and came to Michigan in an early day. Emeline (Dutton) McNeil, mother of our subject, was a native of the place in which her husband first saw the light. Baker

staid at home until he was fourteen years old, in the meantime attending the district school and assisting his father. Afterward he worked out at different places and attended school as opportunity offered.

At the opening of the Civil War John McNeil enlisted in 1861 in Company F, Fifth Michigan Cavalry, and endured all the horrors of war. For almost one year he was a prisoner in Andersonville, and when liberated was in a starving condition. The day after he was paroled Perry McNeil, brother of our subject, enlisted in the Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, in Company C, and was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing. In 1861 Baker enlisted in Company C, Twenty-second Michigan Infantry, and was discharged for disability July 7, 1865. He draws a pension of $30 per month.

After the close of the war Mr. McNeil entered a store in Dryden as a clerk and there and in Imlay City he remained thus engaged until 1881, when failing health induced him to buy his present farm of twenty-three acres. Since living on his farm he has clerked in Imlay City about three years for J. C. & H. Lamb. He was married in 1867 to Miss Frances, daughter of Joseph Huggins, of Wisconsin. One child, Ada, born of this union, died in infancy. In politics, Mr. McNeil is a Republican, and served as Township Clerk of Dryden for four years. Mrs. McNeil is identified with the Seventh Day Adventists of Imlay City, and both she and Mr. McNeil are very popular in this section of country, having a host of warm friends.

TACITUS P. ZANDER. We have here a brief sketch of a prominent attorney-at-law, who is residing at Unionville, and is the son of A. P. and Lucinda (Hutchinson) Zander, who were natives of Troy, N. Y., and Brockville, Canada, respectively. His grandfather Hutchinson was also born in Canada, and was one of the Hutchinson family of Connecticut and of English descent. A. P. Zander removed to Wisconsin about the year 1844, engaging there in the carpenter's and joiner's trade in Milwaukee, and was married February 14, 1846. He was born February 26, 1822, and his wife October 15, 1827. Of their seven children five are still living.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: O. M. Zander who was born October 7, 1848, and is an architect by profession. He married Mary T. Beach, and resides at Omaha, Neb. Florence T. was born on Christmas Day, 1856, and married Charles Andrews, of Columbia Township, Tuscola County; Frances E., who was born February 1, 1859, and married A. Phelps, of Columbia Township, and Gertrude O., who was born October 12, 1868, is unmarried and resides at Elgin, Ill. The father served in Company K, Thirty-first Wisconsin Infantry, and was in the army for three years. He engaged in all of the conflicts experienced by the Army of the Cumberland. He was a resident of Ellington at the time of his death, April 19, 1891; his good wife had been called from his side by death in 1882.

The subject of this sketch was born October 3, 1853, at Ottawa, Ill., and was reared upon a farm until he reached the age of ten, when the family removed to Prairie du Chien. In his boyhood he attended the district schools and took a High School education, studying there until he reached the age of nineteen, when the family removed to Tuscola County. He then attended Cook County Normal School at Chicago, from which he was graduated at the age of twenty after which he engaged in teaching for eight years, three years at Madison and four years in South Chicago, and was invited to return for the fifth year but declined.

The young man in 1882 entered the law office of Black & Quinn, at Caro, Mich., and there read law, and was admitted to the bar May 31, 1883. He then located at Cass City for a year and at the end of that time was elected Circuit Court Commissioner and removed to Caro. He was re-elected in 1886 and 1888 but by a combination of the Patrons of Industry with the Democrats he was defeated. At Unionville, to which he removed in April, 1891, he established himself in a very lucrative practice. He is a stalwart Republican and has taken great interest in politics and has aided the party with his pen during campaigns.

Mr. Zander was happily married August 24,

1879, to Addie E. daughter of James and Lois (Thompson) Brooker, natives of Canada. This union has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely: J. Morleigh, Archie, Lola M., and Bessie. This gentleman is a member of Tent Justitia, No. 75, K. O. T. M., and was the representative of his tent at the Great Camp at Jackson in August last. Mrs. Zander is a lady of social influence and an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH B. DENEEN is a farmer located on section 21, Imlay Township, Lapeer County, where he has one hundred and forty-two acres of land. He was born in Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, September 20, 1813. He is the son of Samuel and Phebe (Nixon) Deneen, the former a native of New Jersey and of Irish descent. His great-grandfather was brought from Ireland when two years of age. Our subject's father served in the War of 1812 and his uncles fought in the Revolutionary War. When about ten years old Samuel Deneen stood guard over some Hessians who had been captured. As he grew to manhood he learned the miller's trade, which he followed in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mr. Deneen was reared on a farm in Milton Township, Ohio, where he lived until he was eighteen years of age. He had but little education but as the years have passed has picked up a great deal of value to him. He is a fair reader and an intelligent thinker. Mr. Deneen came to Michigan when eighteen years of age and bought a tract of forty acres of land in Almont Township, Lapeer County. He staid here one year and then returned to Ohio, remaining there two years when he returned and purchased forty acres more of land.

He was married December 24, 1838, to Amy Sophronia Edgerton. She was born in New York but was reared in Canada. They were married in Michigan and immediately settled on the place which is at present their home. It was almost entirely uncultivated at that time, having but three acres which had been broken. Our subject has been the father of fifteen children, six of whom grew to manhood and womanhood and four of whom are still living. His eldest son was a soldier in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry. The second son, Willard W., became the head of a family and died in Dakota.

Our subject's father was a Democrat and he of whom we write followed in his footsteps for a time, but after cutting loose from home influences he adopted the principles of the Republican party. He has held several local offices, having been Highway Commissioner and School Inspector. He has a good farm and a fine sugar grove and in the early spring months the most delicious maple sugar is made in abundance on the place. His son, Clarence E., is at the present time Treasurer of the township. Mr. Deneen and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and besides the numerous congratulations tendered them they were the recipients of many substantial remembrances.

ELISHA P. RANDALL. When contemplating the present condition of this State and noting the wonderful development of its resources, due credit should be given to those pioneers who stood in the vanguard and bore many privations which we of the present generation find it hard to realize. Among those who belong to that grand class—the old settlers of Tuscola County—perhaps no one is more prominent than Mr. Randall, who is engaged in farming pursuits on section 10, Almer Township. The biographical writer finds pleasure in giving an outline of his career, but the details of the hardships, trials and constant toil which fell to his lot in early years must be left to the imagination of the reader.

Many years ago in the East, occurred the marriage of Elisha Randall and Amy Brown, the former born in Rutland County, Vt., in 1791, and the latter a native of Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., where her birth took place in 1795. That worthy couple devoted their lives to training to useful manhood and womanhood their children,

who were eleven in number, and gave them the careful home example and advice which to no small degree fitted them for obtaining and honoring responsible positions in the world. The father, whose calling was that of a farmer, was unable to his children many educational opportunities, as the temples of learning in those days were inferior in every respect to the excellent schools of the present.

Elisha P. Randall, the subject of this sketch, was born October 15, 1820, in Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., and passed the first ten years of his life in the home of his birth. He attended the district school near his home, and while seated on an old slab bench conned his lessons from a primitive text-book. The extensive information which he now possesses has been mainly gained by reading and observation for he makes constant use of every opportunity for self-culture. At the age of ten years he accompanied the other members of the family to Persia, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., where he resided twenty-seven years, or until about the time of his mother's death in 1857. His father passed away in 1861.

November 6, 1851, Mr. Randall was united in marriage with Miss Lucy A. Parsell, who was born in September, 1827, in Dayton, Cattaraugus County, N. Y., and is the daughter of John Parsell. Mr. and Mrs. Randall are the parents of seven children, namely: John, Clara, Ernest, Lottie, Herman, James and Alice. In October, 1857, Mr. Randall came to what is now the thriving town of Caro, but which at that time existed only in the imagination of a few. Settling in Almer Township, he commenced to operate as a farmer, in which he still continues successfully engaged. In May, 1874, he purchased eighty acres on section 10, Almer Township, where he now resides. In the various duties associated with agricultural life he finds abundant exercise for his energy and judgment, while his farm bears evidence of the thrift of the husbandman. The farm buildings are first-class and conveniently located, while the residence is comfortable and tastefully furnished.

While the Civil War was in progress, Mr. Randall enlisted August 13, 1864, in Company A, Twenty-ninth Michigan Infantry, and served until the close of the war, when he was discharged August 6, 1865. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and popular among the veterans. In his political views he is a Republican, and has held many of the township offices, at present serving as Drain Commissioner. In advancing the status, moral and social, of the community he is greatly interested and has contributed his quota to gain that result.

JUNIUS T. SANFORD, whose home is in Richfield Township, Lapeer County, was born in Atlas Township, Genesee County, August 1, 1848, and is a son of James S. and Caroline A. (Gray) Sanford. His father was born in New York and is of English and Scotch descent, while his mother's family came of Holland stock and are also New Yorkers. The father was by occupation a farmer and the boy received with his common-school education, thorough training in farm work. While in infancy, he was removed to the State of New York, where he was brought up and educated. At the age of twelve he entered the Academy at Perry, N. Y., and after leaving school he came West.

At the age of twenty-one Junius Sanford began life for himself at Bay City, Mich., engaging in the milling business with his uncle Junius Sanford, Sr., and remaining with him for for some eighteen months after which he taught for a number of years alternating it with farming. He returned to New York and spent some thirteen years there, following these two vocations.

The young man was married February 26, 1873, to Matilda Hamilton, of Atlas Township, Genesee County, and they have three children: Hattie B., who is now seventeen years old and is following in her father's footsteps in the matter of teaching; Floyd J., eleven years old, and Annie E., seven years old.

It was in January, 1881 that Mr. Sanford returned to Michigan and engaged in farming in Lapeer County. The following year he purchased the place where he now resides on section 8, Rich-

field Township, and he has a fine place of one hundred and twenty acres about half of which is in a high state of cultivation and upon which he has made substantial improvements. He built his large two-story brick residence in 1885 and is engaged in mixed farming and stock-raising. He is now filling his second term as Supervisor of the Township and is an active worker for all progressive movements. His wife and eldest daughter are with himself members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and active workers in social and religious circles.

HENRY UPDEGRAFF. He whose name appears above was for years numbered among the most enterprising citizens of Atlas Township, Genesee County. A man of simple habits and unassuming in his pretentions, he had sterling worth and ability that has in a quiet way made itself felt throughout the community. Mr. Updegraff was a native of Erie County, N. Y., and was born October, 12, 1828. He was a son of William and Mary Updegraff and when but twelve years of age he was brought with his brother to Michigan.

Mr. Updegraff received a good common-school education, but the main features and special advantages in farming were early inculcated in his youthful mind. On reaching manhood our subject was married to Miss Harriet Vantine, their marriage being celebrated October 30, 1854. She was born August 9, 1837, and was a daughter of Peter and Lucinda Vantine. Her parents were early settlers in Atlas Township. By this union there were three children, two of whom are still living. They are Monroe and Mary, (Mrs. Henry Lepard). One child died in infancy.

Our subject settled on a farm whereon his widow now resides, about 1851. It is located on section 11, Atlas Township, and was at the time of his advent a timbered wilderness. He cleared the farm by himself and made it what it is to-day. His struggles to accumulate a competency for his family and his encountering of the difficulties of pioneer life brought out the sturdy and sterling qualities of his character. He was ably assisted in this, however, by his wife, in whom he found a most perfect helpmate and wise counselor. He served in several local offices. He departed this life October 7, 1889. He was greatly respected by all who knew him and in his decease Atlas Township lost one of her best citizens.

Mr. Updegraff was a Republican in politics. He was a kind and loving father and husband and an obliging neighbor as the large circle of friends that followed him to his last resting-place testified. He was known widely for his integrity and honesty. His widow resides on the homestead comprising one hundred and twenty acres of good land. Their first home was a log cabin in which they lived for a number of years and later Mr. Updegraff built the residence in which the widow now resides. He was very limited in means when beginning his career here and used an ox-team for a number of years when first farming. He was practically a self-made man. Mrs. Updegraff takes a prominent position in the social life of the community. A sketch of Peter Vantine, father of Mrs. Updegraff, and a representative pioneer of Michigan, appears in another part of this work.

MISS ALTA L. BROTHERTON, teacher of English Literature in the Flint High School, has been connected with the schools of this city since 1876, and since 1881 has been a teacher in the High School. She is a native of this county, born in Clayton Township, and the daughter of old settlers of Genesee County. Her father, Francis Brotherton, was born in Connecticut in 1819, and her grandfather, David Brotherton, likewise a native of Connecticut, was a farmer, who in 1835 located in Avon Township, Oakland County, this State. He was of French descent.

Francis Brotherton by occupation was a farmer. He was married in Pontiac, in June, 1844, and in October of the following year, located in Clayton

Township, Genesee County, this State. He cut his way through the woods and opened up an eighty-acre farm, which he improved with good buildings. The year 1866 witnessed his arrival in this city, and during the ensuing year he located on eighty acres adjoining the corporate limits of the city. There he resided until 1882. Upon retiring from active labor he settled in Flint, where his death took place February 5, 1890. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, while in religious matters he was in sympathy with the doctrines of the Baptist Church, with which he identified himself.

Ellen (Hilton) Brotherton was born in 1827 in Pontiac and was the daughter of Roswell Hilton, a native of New York. In 1826 Mr. Hilton came to Michigan, settling in Pontiac, Oakland County, where he aided in erecting the first house in the place. The most of his active life was devoted to farming in Pontiac Township, whence in 1849 he removed to Flint and here died. His wife, Susan (Voorhees) Hilton, was descended from ancestors who originally came from Holland. She passed the closing years of her life with a son in Grand Rapids, and there died. Of her six children, three sons enlisted in the late war and fought in defense of the Union.

Miss Brotherton is an only daughter, and her brother, W. Irving, is in the wholesale grocery and produce business in Bay City. Our subject attended the High School until the fall of 1872, when she was in the junior year. The family then removed to Ann Arbor, where they sojourned three years, and she in the meantime graduated from the High School in 1874. Afterward she spent one year in the classical department of the University of Michigan. Returning to Flint, in the fall of 1876 she engaged as a teacher in the Wood School. Afterward she was in the grammar department until 1881, when she became a teacher in the High School, and later was appointed Principal of English Literature and English reading. One of the most successful teachers in Flint, she is known throughout the State as a prominent educator. Her connection with the High School extends over a longer period than that of any other teacher. Notwithstanding her other arduous duties, she finds time for religious work. An active member of the Baptist Church, she is especially interested in Sunday-school work and is now the teacher of the Young People's Bible Class, comprising forty scholars. She is a strong Republican in political sentiments. Her mother owns a fine farm of eighty acres, with good improvements, and from this receives a good rental.

LYMAN T. CURTIS. This resident of Mundy Township, Genesee County, and son of the late Joseph A. Curtis is the subject of our sketch. His mother's maiden name was Martha A. Thompson and they were early settlers in this township, coming here from New York about the year 1841. The father died here in May, 1844 leaving three children, Lyman T., Julia M. and Silas E. Julia is now the wife of Mallory Utley.

Lyman T. Curtis was born in this township, December 16, 1843 and here he had his early training and education in the common schools. He has followed farming chiefly although he has a taste and ability in the line of mechanics and has patented two machines for making fences, one for slat fence and one for wire fence. He manufactured these machines in Flint for some two years but besides that has devoted himself to agriculture giving special attention to raising fruit trees and carrying on a nursery. One hundred and sixty acres of land are comprised in his farm and upon it he has excellent improvements. About thirty acres are planted to fruit.

The marriage of our subject with Florence Bigelow, daughter of the late Alva Bigelow took place in Flint in 1861 and to them have been born four children: Ellie M., Wallace, Martha S. and Alva J. Ellie is now the widow of Frederick Wilson and Wallace died at the age of fourteen.

Mrs. Florence A. Curtis died in Mundy Township, in March, 1882 and Mr. Curtis was a second time married in Flint to Celina George, daughter of Eugene George, a sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere in this Record. She is a native

of Mundy Township and is now the mother of three children, Theo C., George L. and Arthur E.

Our subject has taken an active part in local affairs and has been a candidate for Supervisor on the Democratic ticket. Mrs. Curtis is a devoted member of the Roman Catholic Church. Our subject belongs to the Farmers' Alliance and is deeply interested in everything which concerns the social and industrial progress of the farming community. The buildings upon his place are comfortable and well equipped and his standing both as a farmer and as a man is most excellent in the community.

CHRISTIAN KIST. The attention of our readers has doubtless been attracted to the views of fine estates which appear in various portions of this volume, and among them they will doubtless notice with especial interest the view of the well-improved place where Mr. Kist carries on general farming. It is located on section 9, Millington Township, Tuscola County, and is embellished with buildings of a first class. Possessing those qualities of thrift and industry which characterizes his countrymen, Mr. Kist has been successful in his endeavor to found a home for himself and family and now in his declining years is troubled by no fears of poverty or want.

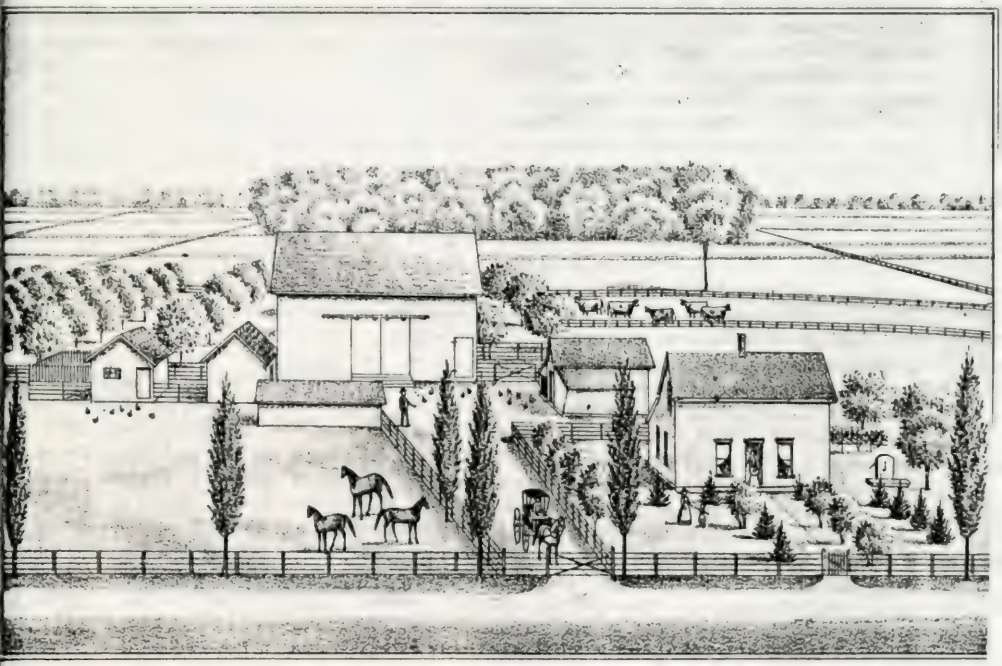
A native of Germany Mr. Kist was born in Baden December 16, 1822 and is the son of Namos and Mary (Macklin) Kist. Namos Kist served for a number of years under Napoleon, and after passing his entire life in Germany died at the early age of thirty-eight years. He and his good wife were the parents of two sons and one daughter, one of the the sons being Christian, the subject of this sketch. He was reared in his native land and worked in a vineyard during his youth. Having been drafted into the army he served as a soldier six years and fought against the Prussians in 1848. Two years later he came to America and settled in Wisconsin, whence after a sojourn of six months he returned to New York and was engaged in a sawmill. In 1852 he came to Detroit, this State, and for some time was employed in a sawmill; from that city he removed to Macomb County and worked at gardening. While there he learned to make brooms and followed that business for a number of years. Later he located in Troy, Oakland County, and then worked on a farm in Groveland Township, the same county.

In 1864 Mr. Kist enlisted in behalf of his country of his adoption and served through our late war with all the loyalty of a native-born son of America. August 17, 1865, he was discharged, receiving his credentials at Little Rock, Ark. He was on provost and detatched duty most of the time of his service. He was married in Troy, Oakland County to Miss Calista Hunt, and ten children have been born to them, five of whom are living at the present time, namely: John, Mary, Charles, Christian and Harmon. John married Jessie Parker and lives near Birmingham, this State; Mary became the wife of Peter Holbach and lives in Lapeer County; Charles, now a resident of Bay City, married Della Nichols, who died in 1890, and their two children are also deceased.

From Oakland County Mr. Kist removed to Lapeer County, where he took up one hundred and twenty-eight acres of land. Upon coming to Tuscola County he settled on forty-one acres which he still owns, having cleared the most of this tract and placed upon it good buildings. A hard-working, persevering man, he has never been discouraged by the slow advent of fortune's favors. In religious sentiment he and his wife are Methodists. In politics he is a Republican and socially a member of William Richardson Post, No. 214, G. A. R.

GEORGE PAILTHORP, who carries on general farming on a beautiful tract of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Vienna Township, Genesee County, is one of the most successful agriculturists and most intelligent men in the township. He has an excellent library and keeps well informed on the issues of the day. His services to the country during the war marked him as a man of patriotism and bravery and he has the respect and esteem of his neighbors.

RESIDENCE OF GEORGE G. MARSHALL, SEC. 24., GENESEE TP., GENESEE CO., MICH.



RESIDENCE OF CHRISTIAN KIST, SEC. 9., MILLINGTON TP., TUSCOLA CO., MICH.

Mr. Pailthorp was born April 12, 1841, in Lincolnshire, England, and his father, William Pailthrop, was a native of Nottinghamshire, and was born in 1814. His marriage, in 1840, to Frances, daughter of William Sissins of Lincolnshire, began his domestic life, which was carried on in England for two years. The young couple came to the United States in 1842 and after farming for a year near Albany they came to Mt. Morris, Genesee County, this State, and bought forty-four acres of land. He was a Democrat in politics and a man who was successful in life and left a fine property at his death, which occurred in 1872. His good wife is still living, at the advanced age of seventy-eight, and five of their ten children still survive. With the exception of Judge C. J. Pailthorp, of Petoskey, all of the family are living in this vicinity.

Our subject remained at home until he was twenty-one years old, studying in the common schools and in the Flint High School. In 1861 he bought the farm which he now occupies and had just begun to get into shape for cultivating it when the Civil War called him from the pursuits of peace, and he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company C, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and was in active service until the close of the war. On account of sickness he was in the hospital at Knoxville for six weeks and was wounded by a ball at the siege of Atlanta. He took part in the following named battles: Campbell Station, Kenesaw Mountain, Rome, Columbia, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville and the Morgan raid and the sieges of Knoxville and Atlanta. When Fort Anderson was taken, Corporal Pailthorp was the one who captured the old garrison flag, being with the first of the assaulting party to enter the fort.

After the close of the war Mr. Pailthorp returned to the farm and was married in 1866 to Sarah, daughter of Samuel Nichols of Niagara County, N. Y. Mr. Nichols and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Charles, were of English birth, and were married in their native home in 1831, some three years before coming to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Pailthorp are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which organization he is a Trustee and he was Superintendent of the Sunday-school for fifteen years. Ever since the war he has been a Republican in his political views and has served his township as School Inspector and Highway Commissioner. The pleasant home in which he now resides was built in 1876. Mrs. Pailthorp is exceedingly useful in the community in various directions, and has been a teacher in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school for twenty-four years. He is a member of Frederick Walker Post, No. 134, G. A. R., of Mt. Morris and has filled nearly all the offices in the organization with the exception of commander. They have one child, a daughter, May C.

THOMAS WARREN. Among the Anglo-American citizens who have helped to build up trade and enliven commercial life in Flint, is he whose name appears above. He is a foundryman and machinist whose place of business is located at the corner of North First and Garland Streets. His residence occupies a pleasant northeast corner and the machine shop the southeast corner. Here he has been engaged in business since 1853. Mr. Warren was born in England, July 1, 1809. He is a son of Henry and Grace Warren, and when twenty years of age came to Geneva, N. Y.

Our subject lived in Geneva three years and spent two years in Rochester. While there he married Miss Jane M. Hubbard, of the same city. Soon afterward they came to Ypsilanti and later to this city, where he was engaged as a pattern-maker and in such other work of the kind, as he was most skillful. He started a little shop here in 1853, carrying it on for three years, when he built where he now is, having, on first arriving in the town, fixed upon that as the most desirable location.

Our subject's business continued to grow until he was finally enabled to put in steam power and he now has one of the best shops of its size to be found in the locality. It is a brick structure, having two stories and a basement, all of which is occupied; it is 33x75 feet in dimensions and all

accessible to the motor power. They are now in need of extra room for the business. They do a fine line of brass work, and although he has seen many other firms go under in the tide of adversity, Mr. Warren has managed to weather all these storms. He purchased the corner upon which his residence is built in 1853. It is 8 x 10 rods in size and upon it he has built a very fine home, in which he has lived for a quarter of a century.

Of the seven children that have been given to the care and parental affection of our subject and his wife, four are now living. They are Charles, who is a machinist; Miles, who is with his father in the shops; Helena, Mrs. Charles H. Wisner; Eva, wife of Charles Johnson. After the decease of his first wife, Mr. Warren married Miss Hannah Morley, formerly of England. Mr. Warren has never been actively interested in politics, having given his whole attention to his business and to that fact he owes his success.

The first wife of our subject was born in Massachusetts; she died January 23, 1863, at the age of forty and one-half years; she was married in June, 1841. His present wife was united to him in 1875. Mr. Warren is an amateur of no mean ability on the violin. The writer has heard him play with a fine steady hand, choice old dance music. He is the owner of a very fine Joseph Guanerius, which was made in 1771, a violin of which he was so fortunate as to discern its fine make from a multitude of instruments in an old shop.

SAMUEL J. WILSON is the manager of the Flint Cabinet Creamery Company and Treasurer and Manager of the Genesee County Co-operative Creamery Company. The Flint Cabinet Creamery Company was organized in 1883, our subject being very instrumental in its organization, its original promoters being Orin Stone, N. T. Wilson and he of whom we write. In three months the last two gentlemen bought out Mr. Stone, at the same time adding the names of Messrs. W. H. & F. A. Wilson & Co., also J. N. Wilson and D. G. Slafter of Vassar, as included in the company. W. H. & F. A. Wilson & Co. are residents of Harrison, Mich., and Mr. J. N. Wilson of Ohio. This continued to be conducted, with the above-named gentlemen as officers, until the fall of 1887 when it was formally incorporated with a capital of $50,000. Mr. Slafter was President, N. T. Wilson Secretary and Treasurer, this position now being held by W. H. Long, Mr. Wilson having withdrawn on account of ill health in 1889. Our subject has been general manager from the first.

The company manufacture dairy goods of all kinds and ship their products to all parts of the United States. They also furnish creameries and private dairies. Their factory is located at No. 817 N. Saginaw Street and extends through to Chippewa Street. They give employment to twelve men.

The Genesee Co-operative Creamery Company was organized in 1888 and incorporated with a capital of $3,500, which was afterward increased to $4,500. They manufacture butter. Its organizers were N. T. & S. J. Wilson and its officers are as follows: President, Jacob Kurtz; Vice-President, John S. Cary; Secretary, W. H. Long; Treasurer and Manager, S. J. Wilson. They make about one hundred thousand pounds of butter per year. The interest and co-operation of the farmers has been secured by each patron purchasing one share.

Our subject was born in Thetford Township, this county, September 3, 1849. He is a son of N. N. and Phalla (Slafter) Wilson. The parents came from Vermont to this township in 1834, taking up new land. There was not a frame house in Flint at that time. At different times he was the owner of a great many acres of land in the State, but the farm he finally settled on comprised one hundred and sixty acres. He resided there until 1883 and then removed to Flint. He was Justice of the Peace for many years and Supervisor of his township.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, they being Mercy, Mrs. M. L. Miller; Carlos P.; William, H.; Hon. F. A.; Rev. John N.; Persis A.; our subject and Nahum T. Our subject's father died in April, 1888, at the age of eighty-two years. His mother died in 1863. Samuel J. acquired a good

common-school education. He was reared on a farm until coming here with the exception of having been foreman for his brother in the woods for two years. N. T. and Samuel J. Wilson are the inventors of the Cabinet Creamery and on coming here they found no difficulty in making others see its good points and in starting a factory. They have been very successful and their products find a ready sale throughout the whole country. Mr. Wilson is now Alderman for the First Ward. Socially he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, to the Knights of the Maccabees and to the National Union.

Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Lazzie Perry, of Mt. Morris Township, September 19, 1869. Of this union three children were born. They are Virgil A., who is now on a ranche in Montana; Guy M., who is attending the Flint High School, and Mabel C. After the death of his first wife our subject again married, the lady of his choice being Harriet Clark, of Tuscola. She has borne him one son, Corrie Dale.

MORGAN L. DAVISON is an old and representative citizen of Atlas Township, Genesee County. He resides on his fine farm which is located on section 13. He is a native of Livingston County, N. Y., and was born December 7, 1825. He is a son of Marlin and Nancy (Emmett) Davison, natives of New York State. He is of Scotch ancestry on the paternal side and Irish on the mother's side. Of the children born to the parents the following survive: Sally, Mrs. Clark Hutchins; John, Julia A., Morgan L., Samuel E., and Jane, Mrs. John Arnot.

Marlin Davison emigrated to Genesee, then Lapeer County, at an early day, but later purchased land in Lapeer County, and settled in Atlas Township, in 1837, on the farm that is now owned and occupied by Robert Whitwell. He there settled in the woods with his family, first erecting a log cabin which proved to be their home for many years. There were on their first coming here Indians, wolves and bears, and the family suffered the privations and discomforts of pioneer life as did other early settlers. Our subject's father was a brother of the well-known County Judge, Norman Davison of Genesee County. In the death of our subject's father the county lost one of her esteemed early settlers.

Morgan L. Davison was reared to man's estate in this county and he himself has followed the plow, guiding a double or triple ox-team. He received the rudiments of his education in the schools of the early days, but has endeavored to make up for early disadvantages by systematic study since that time. He was married April 3, 1855, to Miss Nancy Lason, who was born in New York. She was a daughter of Samuel and Maria Lason, early settlers of Atlas Township. By this union one son was born—Dell C., who married Nora Guiles, and which marriage has been blessed by the advent of one son Bernard.

Our subject settled on his present farm in the spring of 1855, and has resided here since then with the exception of some three years spent in the western part of Atlas Township. His place was originally almost wholly untouched by the hand of man and to his energy and industry is owing his present highly cultivated estate. He owns eighty acres of good land, upon which is a comfortable and attractive residence and capacious barns and outbuildings. He has witnessed the growth of this country from an almost primitive state to its present highly productive condition. He and his wife are among the representative people of Atlas Township, and have a large circle of friends in this locality. Politically he is a Democrat and has received party favor in several local offices, having served as School Director, etc.

Samuel Lason, father of Mrs. Davison, came to Genesee County in 1830 and made a settlement in Atlas Township, purchasing his land while this country was but a Territory. He lived to be ninety-four years of age, his decease occurring June 17, 1891. He was the father of ten children, eight of whom still live. They are Mrs. Davison, James, Henry, Oscar, Emily, the widow of Mr.

Saunders, Charles, George and Cecelia. The widow of Mr. Lason still survives and resides on the old homestead; she is now in her eighty-fourth year. Mrs. Davison was born March 3, 1826, in Genesee County, N. Y., and was brought by her parents to this State in 1830. Our subject enjoys the confidence and esteem of his townsmen throughout the district.

HON. HORACE C. SPENCER, Cashier of the Citizens' Commercial and Savings Bank of Flint, has been a resident of this city for twenty-five years. He was born in Cortland, Cortland County, N. Y., July 27, 1832, and is a son of Chester and Abigail (Badgley) Spencer. His father was a merchant of Cortland but moved to Springville, where the boy was educated in the old and renowned academy of that place.

The father went out of business about that time and at the age of thirteen the young man established a trade of his own in general merchandise in his old town, and being successful, he finally decided to come West and establish himself in a similar line here. He therefore sold out his business and coming to Flint in 1866 opened up the hardware trade which he continued until 1880. He then sold out his hardware store and lived for awhile a retired life on his fine stock farm of Burton Township near the city of Flint and at the same time took care of the outside investment he had made.

On this splendid estate of one hundred and twenty-five acres Mr. Spencer keeps a fine line of standard bred roadsters. In August, 1890, was re-organized the old Citizens' National Bank, he taking the position of Cashier and retiring from his official position as Director of the Genesee County Savings Bank. The capital stock of the new bank is $150,000 and it now has $20,000 surplus and is in an excellent financial condition. The Nickel Savings Stamp plan has been adopted by this bank and is proving a great incentive to people in moderate means to open up a savings account. The bank has two departments, Commercial and Savings, and occupies handsome quarters on Saginaw Street. Mr. Spencer devotes himself to the management of the bank and also deals to some extent in real estate in Bay City and Saginaw, and is one of the original stockholders of the Second National Bank of Bay City, which was originated in 1877.

Mr. Spencer has been a very prominent Republican, but not an active politician, although he served in the State Senate during Gov. Alger's administration. It is universally conceded that there was more good honest material in the Legislature that year than ordinary. He acted as Chairman of the following committees: On the Reformed School; on the Kalamazoo Asylum; on the Pontiac Insane Asylum, and was a member of the Committee on Public Lands and on Rules and Joint Resolutions, and was also member of the committee that redistricted the State. His record therein was in every way creditable to himself and acceptable to the people, and he has since been frequently sent to State Conventions. For a time he was a member of the Agricultural Board, but had to resign on account of stress of duties.

Mr. Spencer was married December 12, 1853, to Catherine C. Morris of the renowned Morris family of New York and daughter of Charles Morris, of Buffalo, N. Y. One daughter came to bless their home, to whom they gave the name of Carrie and she is now the wife of A. G. Bishop, assistant Cashier of the Genesee County Savings Bank, and they have two children, Spencer and Catherine.

MENZO SWART, a resident of Flint, who is carrying on a farm in Clayton Township, has long been engaged in the lumber business, and of late years has acted as Trespass Agent for the State, but is not now in that office. He was born in Shelby, Orleans County, N. Y., September 5, 1840, and is a son of Martin and Sarah (Smith) Swart. He came to the county in 1847 and took up new land in what is now Mt. Morris Township, but removed to Montrose, and

engaged in milling and the lumber business until his death in 1853. His wife survived until February, 1890. Their children are as follows. Mary, Jeanette, our subject, William H., Rufus, Nancy, and Edgar.

A good practical education was granted to our subject, and after first entering upon business he continued therein until 1861, when he enlisted in the second Michigan Regiment, but when it was re-organized he went into the Sixteenth Infantry, being there Sergeant of Company C, and serving in that capacity until April 27, 1863, at which time he was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., and was again promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He took part in the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, and during the winter of 1862 and 1863 he acted as recruiting officer for the regiment.

Upon being discharged from the United States service, Mr. Swart returned to Montrose and again engaged in farming. On the 26th of June, 1866, he was married to Miss Sallie Wiggins, of Flushing, and soon after removed to that place and engaged heavily in lumbering in the counties of Midland and Isabella, adding to his business that of dealing in lands. In 1872, he went to Brunswick, Ga., and there entered upon the lumber business, and carried on a mill. At different times he has gone into the land business of the South and engaged as a land speculator until 1878 when he was appointed by Gov. Crosswell as Trespass Agent and continued thus under Govs. Jerome, Begole, Alger, and Luce. His duties took him over all the timber lands in the Northern part of the State, having his headquarters at the State Land Office.

A brother of Mrs. Swart died, leaving an estate involving mining interests to be settled by Mr. Swart, and while doing this he became interested in mining matters in Colorado. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the Blue Lodge, and an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Elijah Wiggins, the father of Mrs. Swart, came to this section from Tompkins County, N. Y., where his daughter was born in 1845. In 1852, the father engaged in the lumbering business in Flushing, but died the following winter. The mother continued to reside at Flushing until Mr. Swart removed to Flint, when she came with them and died here September 21, 1884. The three children of our subject are: Arza M. (who died at the age of fifteen); Viola, who is now a student at Olivet College; and Jennie A., who died at the age of three years.

JOSEPH GAGE, who is well known throughout Tuscola County in connection with large farming interests, hotelkeeping and other branches of business, and who is a resident of Gagetown, was born near the city of Toronto, upon a farm on the 17th of January, 1833. He is a son of William and Lydia (Hopkins) Gage, and had his early training and education upon the farm and in the common district schools, working upon the farm during the summer months and attending school in the winter.

Leaving home at the age of twenty-one the young man worked on wages for four years and in the spring of 1860 came to Michigan and located on the last day of April in Elmwood Township, Tuscola County. He built a little cabin and piling some brush in the corner for a bed slept upon it for two years. He remained here until the spring of 1870 and during that time there were few white people in the county, and many of the townships of the county had not a resident. He built the first sawmill in this part of the country and it began running on Independence Day, 1869. It was situated upon what is now the location of Gagetown, which was named for this family and the first Postoffice was located here in 1870. During that same year he removed his family here.

Mr. Gage had been married September 18, 1866, to Sarah J., daughter of Peter Bush and they became the parents of five children. Their mother died in the spring of 1871, and the present Mrs. Gage became the wife of our subject in the fall of 1876. Her maiden name was Helen Nelson and she has three children: Mary, Paul and William.

They lost one child in infancy whose name was Mina. After carrying on farming and milling for some time our subject in 1890, built the first hotel in the village, the Gagetown Hotel, which he carried on and at the same time pursued the mercantile business for some eight years. He now runs the hotel and operates a large farm upon a splendid tract of twelve hundred acres.

It was in 1872 that Mr. Gage built his gristmill in Gagetown and he carried it on for about four years, after which it was burned. He and his brother are now preparing to erect another mill which will probably go up this fall. The political tendencies of Mr. Gage bring him into affiliation with the Democratic party and his public spirit and enterprise have made him prominent among the men of his vicinity. He has held all the offices in the township from Supervisor down and is ever active in all public enterprises, especially in building up good schools.

THOMAS FOSTER. The name of this gentleman has for more than twenty years been associated with the rise and progress of Fostoria, and as one who has contributed materially to the advancement of its interests, we are pleased to place a review of his life on these pages, dedicated to those who have in any way advanced the tone of public thought or promoted the welfare of their fellow-citizens. For more than twenty years he has been engaged in lumbering, while at the same time he has extensive interests as a farmer and a stock-raiser, paying considerable attention to thoroughbred horses and cattle, sheep and hogs. In every venture in which he has embarked he has met with final success and that pleasant result has been attained by the exercise of personal characteristics of industry and enterprise.

Mr. Foster comes of Irish parentage on his father's side, while his mother was born in Lower Canada. John Foster, his father, was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and followed the occupation of a farmer and stock-raiser, after his removal to Canada. He and his good wife, Elizabeth, became the parents of nine children, as follows: Thomas, Joseph, Dorcas, William, Jane, Samuel, John, Elizabeth and Mary. John Foster long since passed to his last rest, his death occurring in 1841, while the mother survived until 1877.

Our subject, who was born in Canada, passed his youth in a busy but comparatively uneventful manner, being chiefly engaged in clearing new land and raising crops. His educational advantages were limited, and the extensive knowledge of men and things which he now has, was acquired by close observation and careful reading. In 1852 he was married to Miss Margaret A., daughter of Isaac and Nancy Conklin, both now deceased. Mrs. Foster was born in New Jersey and has been an efficient co-laborer with her husband in all his undertakings. The year 1871 marked the arrival of Mr. Foster in Fostoria, where he has since resided. He was engaged in lumbering first for the late Gov. H. H. Crapo and since his death for the Hon. W. W. Crapo, having put in from ten to eighteen million each year. He looked up large quantities of pine lands for Gov. Crapo in Michigan, besides pine and timbered lands in Wisconsin, Oregon and Washington for the Hon. W. W. Crapo.

The political belief of our subject has brought him into close identification with the Republican party, to which he is devotedly attached. With the agricultural interests of the State he is closely connected, and has served as President of the Genesee County Agricultural Society for many years, as well as Director. A man of fine endowments, well trained mind and high personal character, he has been an invaluable citizen of the county and has done noble service in promoting its welfare.

WILLIAM MUNGER. One of the best families in Richfield Township, Genesee County, is here represented in our subject who was born in Livonia Township, Livingston County, N. Y., September 27, 1819. There also his father, I. W. Munger, was born in 1800, and the mother, Betsey Fuller, was born in Massachu-

setts June 16, 1802, and died September 30, 1844. She was fourteen years of age when she went with her parents to New York, where she met and married the father of our subject. Ichabod Munger, the father of I. W. Munger, had his birth and education in Connecticut, having a farm on the State line, bordering on the Connecticut River, and during his seven years of service in the American Army was connected with the staff of Gen. Washington. He lived to the year 1835.

Jason Fuller, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a Massachusetts farmer. Our subject's father had two brothers that were in the War of 1812, and this was a family of nine brothers and sisters. I. W. Munger came to Michigan in 1844, and was Justice of the Peace in Antrim Township, Shiawassee County, where he died February 20, 1854. His nine children were William, Jason, Rosella, Thomas, Phylenda, Eli, James, Cynthia and Leman. Mr. Munger does not know that any of his brothers and sisters are now living except Eli and James.

William Munger attended school winters only from the age of five years until he was fifteen and at the age of sixteen commenced teaching in the district school of his native place, having charge of a school for two years and teaching penmanship also for two winters. He remained with his parents until his marriage, in 1840, to Chloe Taylor, daughter of Benager and Anna (Havens) Taylor, who was born in Livonia Township, Livingston County, N. Y. For two years now the young man carried on a farm in his native place which belonged to his uncle and in 1842 he came West and settled in Richfield Township, this county, where he now resides, and this has been his home ever since except during one year which he spent in Dakota prospecting.

The wife of his youth was taken from Mr. Munger in 1847, and he subsequently married Lucy, daughter of William and Deborah (Close) Throop, a native of Darien, Genesee County, N. Y., where she was born May 31, 1824. She was eighteen years old when she came to Michigan and she is the mother of three children. The eldest son, Alphonso, resides in New York City and is the President of a Loan Company, which is located at Ft. Worth, Texas. He married Ella Darling, a Canadian girl who was living in Michigan at the time. The second child, Chloe, is the wife of J. M. Van Buskirk and resides with her parents, while Mary, the youngest, is the wife of W. H. Booth, and has a son and two daughters.

There were no improvements upon Mr. Munger's farm when he took it and he cut the road for three-quarters of a mile to reach his place, where he cut down logs and built a log house 20x26 feet in dimensions and in this he made his home until 1863, when he built the home which now shelters them. He has cleared his farm and put it in excellent cultivation. He has set out all the trees and has all but thirty-five of his two hundred and seventy acres under cultivation. For the past ten years he has had this farm in the hands of a tenant, his son-in-law having worked it for the last nine years.

Mr. Munger is a Democrat in his political views and has held the offices of School Inspector, Township Clerk, Supervisor, Justice of the Peace and Treasurer. He and his good wife are both members of the Union Church at Richfield where they are highly esteemed for their character and influence.

S. M. COOLEY. This well-known jeweler of Mayville has represented that business here since 1886. He was born in Ontario, Canada, July 20, 1854, and is a son of Abram and Sarah Jane (McVeigh) Cooley, natives of the State of New York. They emigrated to Canada in 1869, and removed to Michigan and settled at Richmond, Macomb County. There the mother died, and the father is still living and is carrying on his farm in that county.

The early life of our subject was passed upon the farm and he attended the common schools. At the age of eighteen he commenced learning the business of a jeweler and also learned the dry-goods business at the same time, and subsequently opened a jewelry and bazaar house at Richmond. In 1886 he came to Mayville and established his

business at this place. He was married, in 1880, to a Canadian lady, Miss Delia, daughter of Joseph Edmunds, and their four children are: Lillia Beatrice, Myrtle Maud, Mabel and Ha V.

The political views of Mr. Cooley are in harmony with the doctrines of the Republican party and he is now serving his third term as Village Treasurer. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he has passed nearly all the chairs and is one of the proprietors of the hall which is occupied by that order. Mr. Cooley is one of five brothers. Andrew W. resides in Richmond; Myron is a farmer in Macomb County; Asa is a resident of Marlette, Sanilac County, and Frank makes his home in Richmond. Without exception they are honored members of society and are useful in their various callings.

HENRY H. CHATTERS. We here present a life sketch of the most extensive merchant in the village of Flushing, whose attractive and substantial brick store was erected in 1889. This building, which comprises three stories and a basement, covers 44x80 feet upon the ground and is fitted up with every convenience for the transaction of business.

Mr. Chatters is a native of Canada and was born in 1855. He received his education in his native home and was early drilled in the practical duties of farm life. For two years he occupied a position as clerk, but in 1878 decided to leave the British Provinces and come to the States. Here in Michigan he made his home, purchasing eighty acres of wild land in Hazelton Township, Shiawassee County. He did not, however, remain there to subdue all that forest, but after clearing the trees from six acres came to Flushing and sought employment with A. N. Niles & Co., and remained with them four years as a clerk and nearly two years as bookkeeper.

The young man then went to Dakota, where for one year he kept books for a firm in Pembina, and took up three hundred and twenty acres of land. He subsequently returned to Flushing, and with B. C. Turner and C. N. Talbot bought the stock of B. Turner, who was carrying on a general store. The firm name now became B. C. Turner & Co., but after a year Mr. Turner sold out his interest and the company was known as Chatters & Talbot. Three years later our subject bought Mr. Talbot's interest, and after that continued his business in the old place until he built his present magnificent store, where he is now carrying on the largest mercantile business in the place. Seven clerks are employed the year round and during the busy season eleven are needed. This gentleman is one of the Village Trustees and during the years 1889-90 he filled the office of Treasurer for the corporation.

Mr. Chatters was married, in 1882, to Miss Nellie, daughter of Bronson and Carrie (Chamberlin) Turner, natives of Connecticut, who came to Michigan at an early day. Mr. Turner was a merchant here for fifteen years and a man of character and repute. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Chatters are Lola, Hazel and a little one not yet named. The family occupies a beautiful home on the west side of the Flint River and Mrs. Chatters is very popular in social circles, being a fine singer and musician, and a woman of education. Our subject is a Republican in his political views and is prominent in the social circles, being a Mason and a Knight Templar and a member of the Odd Fellows, the Maccabees and the Foresters. No man stands better than he in the estimation of the people of Flushing, and his business is noted for its system, as everything about him moves like clock work.

JOHN H. CARTWRIGHT. The head of a family that is numbered among the representative people, socially and otherwise, of Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County, is a native of this portion of the State, being born in this township, May 29, 1836. He is the son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Hollenbeck) Cartwright, both of whom were natives of New York. His

paternal ancestors are said to be English and those on his mother's side of Holland extraction. An uncle of our subject, Aaron Cartwright, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and bore away an honorable wound.

Nathan Cartwright, emigrated to Genesee County, this State, in the spring of 1830, coming by lake to Detroit, and from there proceeded on foot to Genesee County. After remaining here a short time he went to Ft. Gratiot and was there engaged in labor for a short period when he returned to Genesee County and purchased a tract of Government land, his patent bearing the signature of President Jackson. He erected a log cabin in the midst of the woods and there settled. Their first home was very tiny, being only 12x24 feet in dimensions and only twelve feet high. Later in life he built a better residence.

On first coming here the father of our subject found the Indians still in possession of much of the land. He was very poor at the time but there were numerous chances for an energetic and ambitious man to succeed at. He and his wife became the parents of two children—John H. and Calvin. He died May 4, 1876, and in his decease the county lost one of its fast disappearing generation of pioneers, who were familiar with the howl of the wolf and the war whoop of the aborigines, and who by their industry and integrity made the wilderness literally, morally and intellectually to bud and blossom. Forty-six years previous to his death he arrived in Grand Blanc and soon after purchased of the Government the farm where he afterward resided. He was born in East Avon, N. Y., and although not occupying so prominent a position as many others, yet he possessed those sterling qualities that made him an honest, upright citizen, a kind friend and neighbor and an affectionate husband and father. His wife survived him until January 31, 1880, when she too was taken away to her long home. To her wise and tender maternal care the children owe all that they are to-day.

The original of our sketch was reared to manhood in this county and united his strength and growing judgment to his father's efforts in clearing and improving his place. At an early day he was engaged in breaking land, using the old time ox-team for such work. His limited advantages in an educational way were received at the district school in the township, and from the books that the family library contained he absorbed, in the light of the blazing logs of the fireplace, many of the treasures of English literature.

October 17, 1866, Mr. Cartwright was united in marriage to Miss Fannie A. Smith, a native of this county. She is a daughter of Silas and Cornelia Smith, who settled in Grand Blanc Township in 1831. Mrs. Cartwright's father was born in Waterford, New London County, Conn., April 13, 1802. He removed in early manhood to Avon, N. Y., and was there married in 1828, to Miss Cornelia Coy of the same place. In 1831 they removed to Grand Blanc, where he gave himself with enthusiasm and success to the calling of agriculture. They were the parents of four children—George E., Mary A., Sophia S., and Fannie A.

An Indian trail ran near his log house in the clearing and along this for several years the tribes took their way to Detroit to receive an annuity from the Government. They rode their ponies single file on the path worn deep by frequent travel, a whole tribe from the oldest to the youngest. Mr. Smith died at his residence, August 9, 1880. His wife survived him three years, her death taking place March 14, 1883. She had contributed her full share with her husband in making Genesee County the beautiful garden spot which it is at the present time.

Mr. Cartwright engaged in active farming until 1875, when he removed to Grand Blanc village and has since made this his home. In him has been developed by circumstances and his position in life, the sturdiness and manhood necessary to one who would combat successfully with the difficulties of pioneer experience. He has served for three years as Clerk of Grand Blanc Township and is politically an adherent of the Prohibition party. His wife is a member of the Congregational Church and both are actively interested in the social life of the community. Mr. Cartwright is public-spirited and eagerly embraces every opportunity to help his fellow-creatures. Mrs. Cartwright is Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Grand Blanc, and holds the office

of Treasurer of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society and is also a life member of the Home Missionary Society.

To our subject and his wife was given one son, Howard Smith Cartwright. May 30, 1888, he would have been sixteen years of age but attacked by the fell disease, pneumonia, it did its fatal work and he died April 8, 1888. We here make some extracts from the sermon that was preached at his funeral, which took place in the Congregational Church.

"About two years ago Howard Smith heard the voice of our loving Father calling him to religious duty and active service, and in obedience to that voice he chose the Lord's people to be his people and their hope to be his comfort, and he united in covenant with this church. In his untimely death the church loses a life full of promise, the Sunday-school an attentive learner and the young people a genial companion. In disposition he was very playful and happy. He was subject to his parents with that true obedience which springs from reverence and affection. Their association and the joys of the Christian home he prized, and ever strove to lead a noble life. His choice of reading, like his choice of friends, was of a pure and noble kind and indicated the quality of his mind.

"That he was loved and prized by the young there was abundant evidence in the bitter sobs in the Sunday school when it was announced that his spirit had, even while we studied the lessons, taken its flight to the school above. The following resolutions adopted by the Sunday-school Committee express the young people's sentiments:

"Whereas, God has seen good to call from us the spirit of our friend and fellow-learner in the School of Christ,

"Resolved, that we as representatives of the church and Sunday-school express our sense of deep sorrow and great loss, and that we tender our Christian sympathy to the parents bereaved of their only child in the morning of life's usefulness, and that we bow reverently to the rule of Him whose strange providences are always directed to some wise purpose.

"Howard's reverence and affection for his parents was worthy of imitation by every boy and girl. That boy who enjoys the society and intimate friendship of a pure and pious mother is safe from the world's pollution, and that girl whose secret thoughts and life are good enough for father and mother to know will escape every snare of the evil one and gain womanhood's precious goal. When the clouds have rolled away and we stand on the evergreen mountains of life, surveying all the devious ways in which God in His mercy has led us then we can understand the promise: 'What I do ye know not now, but ye shall know hereafter.'"

JARED DOWNER, who has resided in Vassar since 1864, is the son of Tyler and Hannah (Briggs) Downer, natives of Vermont and New York State respectively. Tyler Downer, who was a son of Simon, also a native of Vermont, came to Wayne County, this State, about 1831, and was one of the pioneers of that section of country. There were two children in his family, the other member beside our subject being Huldah, who married E. H. Roberts and resides in Wayne County. Jared, who forms the subject of this sketch, was born January 9, 1842, in Wayne County, Mich., and was reared on a farm, assisting his father in clearing and cultivating his land until he reached the age of nineteen years.

In August, 1861, our subject ran away from home and enlisted in Company F, Fifth Michigan Infantry, being mustered in at Ovid, Clinton County. The regiment was ordered to join the Army of the Potomac and participated in the first engagement at Williamsburg, the siege of Yorktown, battle of Fair Oaks, and the seven days' fight. Mr. Downer was taken prisoner at Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862, and was kept at Libby Prison two weeks, and at Belle Isle three weeks. Thence he was exchanged and returned to his regiment at Harrison Landing in August, 1862, remaining with it until the battle of Chantilly, when he was sent to the hospital and never joined the regiment. After spending about five months at the West

Philadelphia Hospital he was discharged for general disability and returned to his home.

Mrs. Downer, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Wilcox, was born in England, July 16, 1848, and is the daughter of George and Ellen Wilcox. This union has been blessed with nine children, namely: Ellen C., who married Sylvester Holton; Mary A., the wife of Levi Allen; George Tyler, who was united in marriage with Daisy Longstreet; Edna; Hulda; Truman; Lawrence; Erma and Siddey. In 1884 Mr. Downer came to the village of Vassar, being unable to perform any hard labor on account of disabilities resulting from exposure during his army service. He receives a pension of $30 per month. He is a member of the W. T. Sherman Post, No. 110, G. A. R., and is a Republican in his political belief. For twelve years he has been called upon to occupy the position of Justice of the Peace, and is also a Notary Public.

HENRY CROFT, one of the representative men of Argentine Township, Genesee County, is a native of Cambridgeshire, England, and was born February 26, 1836. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Anker) Croft, were born in England and came to the United States in 1853, locating near Ann Arbor, this State, where the father continued his vocation as a farmer. An honest, upright man and a zealous Christian of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, he was sincerely mourned when he died in 1880 at the age of sixty-five years. The mother of our subject is still living and is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Among a family of seven children, three of whom are now living, our subject is the eldest. His opportunities for obtaining an education during his boyhood days were very limited, and he began life as a wageworker in his seventh year, earning two shillings and sixpence a week by tending sheep. At the age of fourteen he emigrated to America in company with an aunt, and coming to Ann Arbor, began to work as a farm hand. When his parents arrived three years later he assisted his father on a rented farm for a few years. In 1855 he removed with his parents to Argentine Township, Genesee County, where a farm was purchased. The land was wild and not a single improvement had been made. A log house was soon constructed, a spot of clearing made and the work of improvement commenced.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Croft enlisted as a member of Company H, Twenty-second Michigan Infantry, and served until the close of the war, performing most creditably his duty as a soldier. He did considerable service on detached duty, experienced fighting in many skirmishes and some battles, and during his three years' service, tasted many of the bitter fruits of war. Since his discharge he has suffered more or less from the effects of ill health, resulting largely from his army service. However, he has continued farming and now owns a well improved and rich farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10.

Mr. Croft was married in 1867 to Miss Frances, the daughter of David and Sarah Sapp, who emigrated from England when Mrs. Croft was a child. They located in the township of Northfield, Washtenaw County, where they still live. Our subject and his wife became the parents of three children, but only one is now living—Frederick, who was born April, 21, 1870. Politically Mr. Croft is independent, and in religious matters is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his wife. He has held local offices and is a member of the Union Veterans' Union.

OSCAR C. BEALS. This gentleman is a member of the firm of Beals & Maxwell, which is carrying on the principal mercantile establishment of Grand Blanc. This extensive emporium carries a fine assortment and is undoubtedly the best and largest store of the kind in any village in Genesee County. Here will be found a complete assortment of dry goods, groceries, hardware, paints, crockery, boots and shoes and indeed everything carried in a first-class village store. The annual sales run up into thousands of dollars and the stock and the investment in goods is a heavy one.

Mr. Beals began the mercantile business in 1881 in company with A. Armstrong and after a year went into partnership with E. B. Palmer and four years later Mr. Maxwell joined the firm. Mr. Beals is a native of Niagara County, N. Y., and was born July 9, 1840. His parents, Adney B. and Lydia Beals were natives of Vermont. The boy received a fair, common-school education and learned the minutia of farm life, taking a thorough drill in all work of this kind. He graduated at Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in 1865, and for several years taught during the winters.

The West with its undeveloped wealth beckoned to this young man and in 1870 he came to Genesee County, Mich., and has resided here from that time until this. Two years after his coming his father's family migrated also and his parents spent the remainder of their days here. For years he and his father engaged together in farming, but after awhile he drifted into the mercantile business. His marriage with Emma Tyler in 1872 brought him two children, E. Belle and Lester H. After the death of the first wife he married Miss Jenna Elliott and they now have a little child who was not yet received a name.

Mr. Beals served some three terms as Supervisor of Grand Blanc Township, and twice he was nominated for State Senator but was defeated, as his name was on the Democratic ticket and this district is strongly Republican. He is a member of the Order of the Maccabees and also of the Masonic order. In the Congregational Church he is an active member and is Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a stirring political factor of Grand Blanc Township, and is universally conceded to have excellent business abilities and to be a most enterprising and popular man.

ABRAM SOMERS. This well-known farmer residing on section 25, Mundy Township, Genesee County, is a native son of the Empire State, having been born in Schoharie County, January 31, 1843. At his native home his early days were passed attending the district school and helping upon the farm until he reached the age of eleven years. The family then removed just across the county line into Otsego County, and there made their home for many years.

Our subject came West in November, 1871, and here again undertook what had been so far his life work, farming, and which has been his pursuit since coming here. Upon coming to Michigan he first settled in Grand Blanc Township, this county, and lived there four years, before removing to Mundy Township, and in these two townships he has made his home ever since coming to this State. He is now carrying on farming upon a splendid tract of three hundred and twenty acres, which he has in fine condition and which is yielding him crops of more than ordinary average in value and amount.

Mr. Somers was married in Otsego County, N. Y., December 19, 1865, to Miss Helen Griggs, who was born in North Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., February 22, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Somers are the parents of eight children: Jason E., Edwin L. Samuel A., Alice M., Hiram G., Arthur L., Nellie B. and George A. These are all living in good health with the exception of Alice M., who passed from this life at the age of six years, after the family had removed to Mundy Township.

Mr. Somers is a man who is deeply interested in matters of public import and has ever found his judgment to be in accord with the tenets of the Republican party, but he is also deeply interested in the temperance question and casts his ballot for Prohibition. Both he and his good wife are earnest and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the activities of that circle they find a broad field for work and influence.

The father of Abram Somers bore the same name as his son and the mother's name in maidenhood was Nancy Borst. They both died in Otsego County, N. Y. They were the parents of thirteen children and our subject was the eleventh in order of age. The father of the younger Mrs. Somers was Ebenezer Griggs, who died in Flint Township, and her mother, Mercy (Myers) Griggs, still resides there at the old home. Mrs. Somers is the

fourth in a family of six children born to these worthy parents. She is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and affability, and is highly esteemed in the social circles of Mundy Township. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have placed their farm in the hands of a tenant and are now somewhat relieved from the heavier burdens of life.

JERRY HANDLIN. This efficient and thorough farmer who is located on section 28, Millington Township, Tuscola County, is a native of Canada and was born July 14, 1843. He is a son of Thomas Handlin, a native of Ireland, who came to Canada at the age of fourteen with his parents. He there married Julia Driskel, a native of Scotland and to them were born seven sons and three daughters. The father was a sailor in his younger days and afterward a farmer. He visited both the East and West Indies and followed whaling for four years. Nova Scotia was his home for some years and he then moved to Upper Canada, where he died in Oxford County in 1869, and his wife had passed from his side in 1858 at the same place.

The early days of our subject were passed in Canada and he was there married to Susan A., daughter of Asa Hallock, a native of Vermont who became an early settler in Canada, where his daughter was born. He was a prominent man and for eight years was High Sheriff of Oxford County. In religious matters he was a zealous and conscientious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He came to Watertown Township, this county, and settled on a farm where he and his wife both died. The name of his wife before marriage was Elizabeth Sprague and she was a native of Vermont. They had three sons and two daughters.

To our subject and his wife the following children were born: Elizabeth A., Asa, Julia A., Thomas W., Charles T., John and Netta M. The latter has passed from this life, and Asa and Thomas reside in the State of Washington, but the other members of the family reside in this county. Their mother died in 1879 and the father was again married in 1883 to Ellen Young, a native of Michigan and a daughter of John and Betsey (Sayer) Young, both New Yorkers, who were the parents of six sons and four daughters.

Mr. Handlin came to Michigan in 1865 and settled upon a farm of forty acres in Watertown Township and there resided until 1873 when he removed to Otter Lake, Lapeer County, and there followed the lumber business for four years before settling on the farm of one hundred and twenty acres where he now resides, in Millington Township. He has cleared all of this fine estate and has one hundred acres under cultivation. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and is a Republican in his political connection.

WILLIAM J. SPEER, whose fine estate is located on section 30, Montrose Township, Genesee County, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 19, 1844. That continued to be his home until December, 1869, when he came to Genesee County and settled on section 30 of this township. His early training was taken upon a farm in Ohio, and while living there he pursued agriculture, but since coming to Michigan he has followed lumbering to some extent. He has erected good buildings upon his farm and has some hundred acres of excellent land.

Mr. Speer was married in Maple Grove Township, Lapeer County, this State, June 16, 1871, to Miss Alida Reed, who was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., and was three years old when her parents brought her to Michigan. She is now the mother of two children: Helena M. and James E. For five years Mr. Speer has held the office of Supervisor of his township and has been Treasurer for two years. He has been enumerator for the tenth and eleventh census of Montrose Township and has taken an active part in political affairs being a stanch Republican.

Our subject enlisted in the spring of 1864 in Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio

Infantry for one hundred days' service and was in only one battle. He has taken an active part in religious work and is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, and has served that body as Class-Leader, Steward and Trustee, and has been made delegate to the General Conference and other conventions.

Robert W. Speer, the father of our subject, was united in marriage with Sarah Jamison, who died in the spring of 1882. The father of Mrs. William J. Speer was William H. Reed, and her mother was known in maidenhood as Jane Chamberlin. She died in Montrose Township, October 21, 1891. Mrs. Speer is a lady of more than ordinary ability, culture and amiability, and makes a delightful home for her family. The farm has upon it excellent buildings and everything is kept in such order as to show plainly the hand of a genuine systematic farmer.

JOHN F. CARTWRIGHT. This prominent business man of Davison Township, Genesee County, who is valued highly in both commercial and social circles was born in this township December 19, 1846, and is a son of Calvin Cartwright who had his birth in New York in 1816. He came to this county in 1836 and first settled in Grand Blanc Township, but in December, 1842, removed to Davison. He had previously procured land and having built a shanty, proceeded to clear and improve the farm. Previous to his death, January 15, 1891, he had held every office in the township and had been Supervisor for eleven years.

During the war Calvin Cartwright was very enthusiastic and helpful in sustaining the Government, and he was a member of the Baptist Church from the time he was twenty years old. His wife is still living and is now sixty-nine years old, having been born October 5, 1822. Her maiden name was Mary A. Fritz and she was born in New York. Of her six children four are living. A district school education in the old log schoolhouse was supplemented by studies at Pontiac and Flint and then our subject undertook teaching. When only eighteen years old our subject enlisted in December, 1864, in the Thirteenth Michigan Infantry and was mustered out of service in June, 1865.

In 1872 young Cartwright was married to Miss Nancy, daughter of Nathaniel Cole, of New York, who had been an early settler of Michigan and who died August 10, 1891. One child has blessed this union, namely, Charles L., who was born March 23, 1877. Mr. Cartwright is a Republican in his political views and has been Treasurer, Clerk and Supervisor of the township, and a frequent delegate to county and State conventions. He is a member of the Masonic order.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Cartwright removed to Davison Station and continued there for three years in the mercantile business and opened a grist and sawmill. He then took a trip west and spent two summers at Great Bend, Kan., where he bought a quarter section of land. In 1889 he began operations with his father in the grain and produce business, being with him for three years and was in an independent business for three years. He finally took into partnership Edgar J. Seelye, and in 1886 he also started a bank which he has since carried on prosperously. It has now been merged into the Davison Baking Company, with Mr. Cartwright as President and was so re-organized in 1889.

DAVID C. WATTLES. We here present a life narrative of one of the prominent citizens of North Branch, who was born in Troy, Bradford County, Pa., February 9, 1821, and has now reached the age of a septuaganarian. Wattles Ferry, Conn., was the native place of his parents, John and Eliza (Cash) Wattles.

The father was by occupation a stone-layer and brickmason and the early home of the family was in the county where our subject was brought up. His was not a happy childhood and youth as he became an orphan by the death of his mother at the tender age of three years and when he was

twelve years old he was bound out to a man who proved to be addicted to the use of liquor and the unhappy and abused boy ran away and found refuge in Chemung County, N. Y., where at the age of fourteen years he found employment.

After spending a year or so there the youth determined to come West, but as he had no money he could not secure passage on a boat. With more than ordinary pluck and determination he made up his mind to go on board the vessel and take his chances and as he fell into kind hands he was brought across to Detroit and having made his way on foot through the wilderness he came to Lapeer County in 1837.

This boy had received but slight schooling in the East and after coming to Michigan was able to attend school but thirty-three days when he was sixteen years old. For about seven years he continued working on farms and in 1844 purchased a piece of land. He enlisted in Detroit May 28, 1847 for the term of the War with Mexico, receiving his honorable discharge at Governor's Island, New York harbor, August 13, 1848, after which he returned to Michigan.

Mr. Wattles was married February 5, 1851, to Mrs. Susan M. Rood of Lapeer. After carrying on farming in what is now Lapeer City until 1854 he came to North Branch Township, where there were two bands of Indians living at the time. From 1869 to 1873 he lived in Lapeer and now has a fine place of four hundred acres on sections 9, 10, 15 and 16. It was in the fall of 1889 when he removed to the village of North Branch. Here he now makes his home although he still carries on farming. In politics he is a Democrat and has been Supervisor of the township for a number of years, besides filling at one time the office of Township Clerk.

RICHARD WILLS. The farming community of Tuscola County ranks well with that of any part of Michigan, and Arbela Township, does not stand behind the rest. We give here a sketch of one of its prominent agriculturists, who was born in Ireland, November 25, 1833. He is a son of Michael Wills, a native of Ireland, who at an early day came to Canada, where he established himself in 1847, and spent the remainder of his days. Being a thorough agriculturist he carried on a large farm there until his death which took place in 1866. His wife, Mary Garver, was a native of Ireland and to them were born three sons and three daughters. The mother is still living in Genesee County, and is now in her seventy-ninth year.

Our subject was thirteen years of age when he came with his parents to Canada, and was there reared and educated. In due time he took to himself a wife in the person of Jane McNane, a native of Ireland and who also came with her parents to Canada when a child. To this couple were born six children, namely: James, Ellen, Pressie J., Elizabeth, Charles, and Richard E.

Mr. Wills was a farmer in Canada and owned one hundred and fifty acres of fine land which he had put in a splendid state of cultivation. This he sold before coming to Michigan in 1879, and upon first coming here he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Huron County, where he lived for some years, making it highly productive. He then removed to Tuscola County, and located upon one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Arbela Township. Here he has cleared fifty acres and put up excellent farm buildings. While living in Canada our subject was afflicted by the death of his wife who passed away in 1875.

Mr. Wills is a Democrat in his political preferences now, although he was a Republican until about six years ago. He has never aspired to office for he prefers to devote himself entirely to the care and culture of his farm and the duties of his home and church. The present Mrs. Wills was a native of Canada and was born February 17, 1847. She is Jane, the daughter of John Elliott who died when this daughter was but a little child. There were six children in the family, in which Mrs. Wills grew to maturity, three boys and three girls. To our subject and his wife no children have been born. They are possessed of true Christian characters and are earnestly devoted to the interests of the Presbyterian Church. To the children of his first marriage this faithful father has given an ex-

cellent education and they are all living and doing honor to the training which they have received. Upon his excellent farm he carries on general farming and everything about the place shows the hand of a thorough and systematic farmer.

MORTIMER CARTER. The gentleman whose name is quoted above is a resident upon a pleasant rural place, which comprises five hundred acres of agricultural land, located on Smith's Reservation, of Flint Township, Genesee County. He was here born January 21, 1843, and is the son of James and Sabra (Maltby) Carter, the former a native of England and the latter of New York State. They settled in Flint Township about 1841. Later they removed to Flint City and there resided for the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight sons and four daughters and our subject was the fifth child in order of birth.

Mr. Carter was reared to manhood on the home farm in his native place. September, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Eighth Michigan Infantry, and served for a period of forty-one months, having reenlisted in the same company and regiment. He took part in the engagements of James Island, S. C., second battle of Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and in many minor engagements. He was also in the siege of Knoxville, at the Wilderness, at Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor. At the last-named battle he was shot through the left shoulder and was seriously injured, having seventeen pieces of bone extracted from his shoulder. It is not surprising that after so extended and loyal a service, our subject should delight in the reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of Crapo Post.

After the war our subject returned to Flint and has ever since been engaged in farming. For the past fifteen years he has devoted himself especially to the produce business, finding his market in Flint and Bay City. He was first married in Flint Township to Miss Ellen Maltby and by her he became the father of one daughter, whose name is Avies. Mrs. Ellen Carter died in 1870 and our subject was again married in Bay City to Miss Maria Stowe, who is an English lady by birth and ancestry and who came to America, brought hither by her parents when two years old. By this union our subject has become the father of five sons, whose names are Frank, Fred, William, George and Charles. They have also lost two children; Lewis was drowned when twelve years of age and Ellen died when an infant. Our subject has held the office of Township Treasurer and has also been School Director. In politics he is a Republican first and always. He and his wife are both devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MOSES MIDDLETON, Supervisor of Forest Township, Genesee County, is one of the prominent agriculturists of this section of country. He owns an excellent farm of eighty acres, under a high state of cultivation, which yields him a golden tribute for the care and labor he bestows upon it. As a farmer his dealings have been marked by integrity and shrewdness, and these traits have made him an invaluable aid in the upbuilding of his township, and give him high rank among its citizens. He is interested in promoting the prosperity of the township and county, as well as the welfare of the country at large, and in regard to political questions we find him a Republican, stanch and true.

A native of the State of New York, Mr. Middleton was born in Sodus Township, Wayne County, April 16, 1851 and is therefore at the present writing (1891) in the prime of life. His parents, John and Charlotte (Miller) Middleton, were natives respectively of England, and the vicinity of Albany, N. Y. The father was reared in England, and thence emigrated to America when he was about thirty years old. He devoted his attention to farming in his native land and was thus engaged in the New World. He was married in England, and became the father of two children by that

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union. After his wife died he married again and two children were also born of that union. Some years after coming to America his wife died and later he was married to Mrs. Charlotte Drumm, the widow of James Drumm. Our subject was the only child born of that union.

In mingled work and play, in the usual manner of farmer lads, the subject of this biographical notice passed his boyhood. At the age of ten years his father died and he then removed with his mother to Phelps, Ontario County, N. Y., where her children by her first marriage lived. The education which our subject received was a limited one, and most of it was acquired after he was old enough to study alone and do for himself. At the age of sixteen he left his home in Phelps and coming to Michigan, located in Genesee County. He had lost his father by death when he was a lad of only ten years and consequently he has had his own way to make in the world from childhood. When he came to this State he worked in mills, and afterward learned the carpenter's trade, at which he found employment during the summer months; the winter seasons were employed in teaching. In 1878 he removed to Forest Township, and began to labor as a farmer.

About the time of his location in Forest Township Mr. Middleton was married April 16, 1878, his bride being Miss Suzette C. Cole, of Richfield Township, this county. Mrs. Middleton was the daughter of Walter J. Cole, a farmer of Richfield Township, and Marian (Hastings) Cole, his wife. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, a son Wallace Ray, whose birth occurred January 11, 1881. Although Mr. Middleton has devoted his time principally to general farming he has yet found time for other work. Since he came to this place he has taught several terms in the district school during the winter seasons and about 1886 he began surveying. During that year he was elected County Surveyor, which position he held and filled efficiently for four years. At present he is serving his sixth term as Supervisor of Forest Township, and in that position he is advancing the interest of the township.

In other positions beside those above named Mr. Middleton has also served and always efficiently. As Highway Commissioner, he improved the condition of the roads of the community; as School Inspector he raised the standard of education; as School Director for fourteen years he did all in his power to secure efficient teachers and offer the best educational advantages to the children of the neighborhood. Upon his farm may be seen in their proper season the various grains which he finds adapted to the soil and climate, while scattered through the meadows are the various breeds of live stock which he raises.

WILLIAM LUCAS. Among the British-American citizens of North Branch Township, Lapeer County, who for many years have been thoroughly Americanized and who, during the Civil War, cast in their lot with other patriots and fought for the honor of the old flag, we are pleased to give the name of William Lucas. He was born in Oxfordshire, England, about seventy-five miles west of London, April 5, 1821. His parents, John and Mary (Manning) Lucas, were both natives of Northampton and his father, the son of a rich man, who had lost his estate, was a day laborer and unable to give his son a good education. This parent died when our subject was but fourteen years old and the boy after that worked out for a living.

When Mr. Lucas had reached the age of twenty-six he was married to Eliza Fessey, of Hardick, and they became the parents of four children, Elizabeth I., Robert F., Harriet M. and Janey. These children have all established families of their own and their mother was called from earth December 9, 1882. It was in 1853 when our subject brought his family to America, locating in Detroit through the winter. He first worked for John S. Bagg as gardener. He then entered the employ of John Hull on his stock farm on the river Rouge and there had the oversight of the hired men. He was a trained gardener in England on the estate of Lord Bute.

Somewhat later Mr. Lucas removed to Oakland County, where he farmed for two years and com-

ing to Lapeer County in August, 1856, he bought the place where he now resides. It was then all an unbroken forest and he has made every improvement which is to be seen upon it to-day, besides doing much useful work upon the road.

He of whom we write enlisted December 14, 1861 in Company F, Tenth Michigan Infantry. He was under Sherman in what was then known as the Army of the West and took part in the various marches of that body, through Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Georgia and although he served until July 19, 1865 he was not in any general engagements and did not see much fighting. At the expiration of the war he returned to Michigan with his health much impaired so he has been unable to do active work since that time. In his political views he is in earnest sympathy with the Republican party and he says that the party which sustained the administration during the war is good enough for him now.

JOSEPH WALSH. We have here a life sketch of the efficient and active Supervisor of Flint Township, Genesee County, who was born in County Westmeath, Ireland, March 31, 1845. When he was three years old his parents emigrated to America and settled in Detroit, where the boy lived until he was sixteen years old. He then went with his father to Lapeer County, and having assisted in a new farm remained there until he was twenty-three years old working upon the farm in the summer and during the winters chopping in the woods.

Later the young man was employed by the W. W. Crapo lumber firm to work in the woods in the winter months and in Flint during the summers and was with them for six years, after which he settled on the farm which he had purchased in Lapeer County and remained there for some three years. In the spring of 1881 he removed to the Upper Peninsula and was employed in Schoolcraft County by E. L. Thompson, who is now President of the Delta Lumber Company of Detroit. He was at that time a stockholder in the company and was very efficient in securing a large tract of choice timber land in Schoolcraft County, and continued there until 1886 when on account of ill health he returned to Flint, to which place his family had removed in October, 1884. He has since continued in the lumber business and is one of the stockholders and directors of the Delta Lumber Company.

In the spring of 1887 Mr. Walsh removed to his farm which he had owned since 1885 and there he now lives. He has a finely-improved estate of more than one hundred acres and an excellent set of farm buildings, and he makes lumbering and farming his double vocation. He was married in Flint, May 24, 1870, to Miss Ellen Donovan who was born in Ontario in October, 1848. They have five living children, Joseph L., F. Spiridian, Ernest V., Agnes and Edmund D.

Mr. Walsh has held the office of Supervisor of Flint for two years and is the present incumbent. While living in the Upper Peninsula he also held the office of Supervisor for some years, as he is universally recognized as one who is active and interested in forwarding the matters pertaining to the community. He also takes an active interest in political affairs and is a member of the Democratic party. He and his family are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church.

JOHN J. CARTON. This prominent attorney of Flint, belongs to the firm of Durand & Carton, and has practiced here for seven years. He was born in Clayton Township, this county, November 18, 1856, and is a son of John and Ann (Maguire) Carton, the father being one of the pioneer farmers of this county who came to Flint when the city had only three houses and was in the wild woods.

The father was born in Ireland and came to the United States when a young man. His first settlement was in Brooklyn, N. Y., with his two broth-

ers, William and Peter, and then he removed to Batavia, where they purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, and in 1870 came West and made a home at Flint. Peter died soon and William went to California in 1879, and here John Carton was married and settled in Clayton Township, in the house which he made his home until the spring of 1891, when he came to Flint. His good wife, who became the mother of thirteen children, reared nine of them and she still lives to cheer the home of her husband in his declining years. The children are Peter, Anna, John, Mac, Luke, Belle, Frank, Augustus and James, none of whom are married, and all of whom are members of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Our subject attended school first in the country and then studied in Flushing High School, and afterward spent two years in the High School at Flint. He taught for three terms and in the meantime read law, much of it by himself. For three years he kept the books of Niles & Cotcher, flourishing merchants of Flushing. In the fall of 1880 he was elected County Clerk on the Republican ticket, and so well did he serve the people that he was re-elected in 1882. During all this time he was reading law under the guidance of C. D. Long, now of the Supreme Court, and was admitted to the bar in August, 1884. He had already formed a partnership with Hon. George H. Durand which has continued until the present time.

Mr. Carton is the present City Attorney, appointed by the council in the spring of 1890, but during the session of the Legislature of 1891 the city charter was so amended as to make that office elective, and he was elected on the Republican ticket. He has not been an aspirant for any other political office but is an active worker and for six years has been a member of the County Committee, and for four years on the Executive of that committee. He has also been a member of the Ward Committee and a delegate to various conventions, and in 1891, was the Chairman of the City Convention.

This gentleman has been quite a traveler, having been in California and all through the West. The old homestead which he still owns, comprises one hundred acres and is devoted to general farming, and his city home is on Margaret Street. When thirteen years of age he left home and since that time has made his own way in the world and is now called a rising man and one of the most prosperous citizens of Flint. He is a stock-holder of the First National Bank and is interested in various enterprises. He is considered a versatile and forcible speaker and is always sought for as a stump speaker during campaigns. He is Worshipful Master in the Masonic lodge and Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State, besides belonging to the Flint Council, the Genesee Valley Commandery and the Order of the Maccabees, in which body he is the Great Financier, and Auditor of the Great Camp.

FRANK A. TINKER, M. D. This prominent physician and surgeon of Lapeer, Mich., was born in Monroe Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, April 26, 1859. He is a son of William and Selma (Fox) Tinker, and the family is proud to look back over the genealogic record and find the origin of the family in America upon Plymouth Rock, where the "Mayflower" came to port in 1620.

William Tinker, Jr., the father of our subject, was the son of William Tinker, Sr., and is a cousin of Elizabeth M. (Tinker) Sibley, the widow of Hiram Sibley, the founder of the great seed company which bears his name. The grandfather of our subject was the son of Sylvester Tinker whose father Silas, was descended in a direct line from three who bore in succession the name of Amos. The first of these was the fourth child of John Tinker, who settled in New London, Conn., in 1658, and who was the son of one of the Pilgrim fathers, who journeyed to this country in the "Mayflower". The name is deprived from the River Tyne, on the banks of which stands a castle which has been in the Tinker family since the fourteenth century.

The parents of our subject moved to Pine Run, Genesee County, when he was about six years of age and the father who is a machinist still re-

sides there. The son received only a common school education in his early days and afterwards entered the High School from which he graduated in 1880. He then taught one year at Pine Run and entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the fall of 1881 taking the medical course and graduating in 1884 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The young Doctor after his graduation located in Lapeer where he has built up a good practice and has met with a satisfactory degree of success. He was married June 28, 1883 to Miss Ellie M., daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Scoutten of Ann Arbor. He is the oldest in a family of five, four of whom are still living: his sister Edith married Samuel Cates, a farmer of Pine Run; Harry who is also a farmer in the same vicinity, took to wife Miss Jennie Miller; Lena united herself in marriage with Charles Scoutten, a brother of Mrs. Dr. Tinker, who is carrying on a drug business at Pinconning, and the sister Flora died in childhood. Dr. Tinker is a Democrat in his political views and is a member of the Board of Education now serving his second term. His interest in educational matters has also made him a member of the Board of County School Examiners. He is the Surgeon for the Michigan Central Railroad at this place and is also the County Physician.

HON. HEZEKIAH R. DEWEY is a prominent and progressive gentleman who enjoys the pleasures of a rural life in Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County. He is a man, however, who has opinions and thoughts of his own outside of the fertile acres which he tills so successfully, and the sleek kine that stand knee deep in the luscious grass of his meadows. Mr. Dewey has been selected by his townsmen and neighbors in the Legislative district as State Representative from the First District of Genesee County, and while so serving discharged the duties of his public trust, both circumspectly and wisely.

Our subject is a native of Monroe County, N. Y., and was born April 1, 1839. His parents, Joseph and Maria (Ranney) Dewey, were natives of Connecticut, his ancestors on both sides being mixed English and Scotch. He was the fifth son in order of birth in his father's family, and was carefully reared by a wise and prudent mother. From early boyhood he engaged in farming with the exception of a short time spent in the mercantile business in Nevada, Iowa. He received his education in his native county, and later attended Eastman's Commercial College at Rochester, N. Y., finally spending one year at Lima Seminary, also in New York. Mr. Dewey has always been an omnivorous reader, and one of keen and true judgment, both as regards literary style and matter. After his school course he was engaged for several terms in teaching in New York. When eighteen years of age he went West to Iowa, and spent one year in visiting different parts of the State.

Subsequent to his visit in Iowa, our subject traveled for some time in Nebraska, and later returned to New York State. There he was married in November, 1860, to Miss Addie T. Curtis, who was born near Syracuse, N. Y. By her he has become the father of two children, William C. and Kittie T. After his marriage he resided in New York for some two years, and then removed to Marshall County, Iowa, and was there engaged in the business of manufacturing pumps at Marshalltown. He and his brother, William H., were in partnership, which connection lasted two years, when at the expiration of that time he lost his wife. After spending a few months in Iowa, he returned to New York, and subsequently married Julia Thompson, a daughter of Hamilton Thompson, of Rush, N. Y. He remained there about two years, after which with his family he came to Genesee County, this State, and settled in Grand Blanc Township. In 1881 he located on his present farm where he devotes himself to general agriculture, his interest being chiefly centered in the raising of fine American Merino sheep which are registered. He also raises Short-horn and Jersey cattle.

For a number of years Hon. H. R. Dewey has served as Director of Genesee County Agricultural Society, and for one year was President of the same. For four years he has been a Director of the Michigan State Agricultural Society. The

fair over which the Directors have control was held in various points of the State. Our subject has also served as Drainage Commissioner and Justice of the Peace, and on being elected to the State Legislature for the session of 1889-90, he was appointed Chairman of the Committee of the Agricultural College, and in this way did efficient work. Our subject is a strong Republican in politics, and is thoroughly posted as regards the issues of his party. He owns a well-improved farm of one hundred acres of land. Much credit is due him for the success that he has acquired in life, and the fine home that he has obtained is the result of his own untiring industry and intelligent executive ability.

HUGH C. MORRIS. This highly-esteemed citizen of North Branch, Lapeer County, was born in Koylton Township, Tuscola County, this State, June 20, 1860. His father, Joseph Morris, was born and brought up in Cambridge, England, and his mother, who was known in her maidenhood as Margaret McMorran, was a native of Ayrshire, Scotland. The father was by occupation a farmer, and his coming to this country was many years ago and he settled in Michigan in 1857.

After studying in the district school our subject was sent to Dryden to school and later was given the benefit of a course of one year at the Advent College at Battle Creek, after which he studied in the institute at Jefferson, Ohio, whence he graduated in 1881. During his earlier years he taught some as soon as prepared for that work, and now after completing his course at Jefferson, he spent two years in the practice of his profession and then entered Albion College, taking his place in the Sophomore class, thus completing the classical course in 1885. He was then called to the principalship of the Mariette schools, where he was engaged for one year.

Entering the law department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, Mr. Morris completed his course there and was graduated in 1888, so that he was at once prepared to begin the practice of law at Marlette, making his home there in 1888. At this time he was appointed Secretary of the examining board which office he has filled for two years in Sanilac County, while at the same time he was practicing law. His coming to North Branch was in January, 1891, and upon locating here he formed a partnership with C. F. Gates under the firm name of Gates & Morris.

The marriage of our subject which took place January 31, 1885, brought to his home Mary Russell, of Livingston County, who has proved a true and faithful helpmate to him. She is a daughter of the Rev. A. J. Russell, who was the presiding elder of the Grand Rapids Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To this worthy couple has been born one son, Russell C., who came to them December 9, 1888. The doctrines of the Republican party are those which receive the hearty indorsement of Mr. Morris but he has never devoted himself to political matters, as he does not desire office, preferring to devote himself entirely to the duties of his profession.

JOHN SHERIDAN, whose pleasant home is in Thetford Township, Genesee County, is a native son of Michigan as he was born in East Saginaw, August 3, 1854, and is a son of Michael and Margaret (Gilmore) Sheridan. His parents were both born and reared in Ireland and his father was by occupation a farmer. The son has no educational advantages other than those received in the common district school, but he availed himself so well of these as to give himself a good preparation for the active duties of life.

It was in 1857 that the father of our subject came to Genesee County and located in the township where his son now resides. John remained at home assisting his parents and devoting his energies to the development of the farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when he began for himself as a farmer in this township.

The marriage of our subject which took place February 25, 1873, united him with Wealthy Haven whose home had also been in this township. Three

children came to brighten their home, Jennie, who was born December 9, 1881; Jessie, born August 19, 1876, and Mark, January 19, 1878. They are all living and are bright and active young people perfecting themselves in their education and taking a part in the social life of the neighborhood.

Mr. Sheridan has a fine place and about half of his farm of eighty acres is under the plow. Farming and stock-raising has been his occupation through life and in it he has been successful. His political opinions have led him to embrace the doctrines of the Democratic party and to interest himself in its success, and his fellow-citizens have placed him in the office of School Director, which position he has held for six years, and for four years he has been Moderator of the School Board. Our subject is a member of the Alliance and belongs to the Patrons of Industry. Throughout his life he has taken more than an ordinary interest in school matters and is always ready to devote time and energy to developing the schools of the township, and making them what they should be. He and his family are highly esteemed by their neighbors and his reputation for integrity and fair dealing gives him a genuine popularity.

FREDRICK C. MICHAEL, who resides on section 33, Fremont Township, is well known throughout Tuscola County as a practical farmer and honorable citizen. He was born in Prussia, Germany, and is a son of Fredrick and Eureka Michael, both natives of Prussia. In his boyhood days Fredrick Michael, father of our subject, lived upon a farm and has always followed that calling. In 1853 he emigrated with his family to America, locating in Erie County, Pa., and there remaining upon a farm until 1882. That year marked his arrival in Tuscola County and his settlement in Watertown Township, where he still resides.

Of the marriage of Fredrick Michael and Eureka Khabelman, which occurred in 1844, nine children were born, our subject being the eldest and the only one now living. The mother passed away in 1884. At the age of twenty-one years our subject began life for himself and commenced to work upon a farm in Erie County, Pa., where he remained for about fifteen years. He then came to his present home in Tuscola County, where he has since resided. He is busily engaged in cultivating his eighty-acre farm, which bears good improvements.

In 1863 Mr. Michael was married to Catherine, the daughter of Christopher and Eureka Hahn, and of this union seven children have been born, namely: Edward F., John W., Kate C. (wife of Frank Malery) Clara M., Amelia, Pauline and Frank. The two last named are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Michael are members in good standing in the Lutheran Church and people of great worth of character and nobility of life.

WILLIAM H. HAUSER. This representative citizen of Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, is here engaged in the stock business and slaughtering. He is the son of William and Lucy A. (Bue) Hauser, both natives of the Eastern States. They came to Michigan in 1850, and located in Saginaw County, where their son William was born, September 2, 1856. He was reared upon a farm and early undertook the pursuit of agriculture. He started out in life at the age of twelve years, and his education was received in the district school only, and attendance upon it was necessarily interrupted by work so that he did not have liberal advantages, but continued in school until he reached the age of sixteen, after which he entered the employ of James A. Root, a nurseryman, and worked for him for eighteen months.

The young man about this time made his home in Flint and afterward spent some time at Birch Run and it was after he came to Tuscola that he was happily married on the 20th of December, 1875, to Miss Christie A., daughter of George Wagner. To them were granted six children, to whom they gave the names of William H., Bessie M., Charlie (deceased), Zelma V. and Flossie A. and

with the exception of the son who died they are all at home with their parents.

In the years 1874 to 1878 Mr. Hauser was a contractor for the Tuscola and Clio mail route. In political matters he is in sympathy with the doctrines of the Democratic party. In 1880 Mr. Hauser engaged in the business of slaughtering and in this enterprise has been reasonably successful. His father, who is a veterinary surgeon, resides in Tuscola.

The brothers and sisters of our subject who are living are Kate, who is now Mrs. Kincaid and lives in Fayetteville, N. Y.; Roswell, who married Emma Carter and makes his home in New York; Charles E., who took to wife Belle Ricker and lives in Fenton; Aaron B., who also makes his home in New York; Silas S., who married Ella Oatman and makes his home in Syracuse, N. Y., and Lucy, who is the wife of Mr. Oliver, the Principal of the High School in Burlington, N. Y.

GEORGE W. GRIFFIN. This prominent, intelligent and successful farmer formerly resided in Davison Township, Genesee County, but has recently removed to Commerce, Oakland County. He was born in Richland, Oswego County, N. Y., April 16, 1825. His parents, Stephen and Polly (Cunningham) Griffin, were both New Yorkers, who located in Oswego County and died there, the mother in 1842, and the father in 1844. Three of their six children are now living, our subject being the youngest of the family. He received his early education in the pioneer log schoolhouses and had only meagre opportunities for learning.

At the age of eighteen George W. Griffin came to Michigan and remained there among acquaintances from 1843 to 1846, finding work at the carpenter's trade. He then went to Portland, Ionia County, where he was married, in 1845, to Clarissa Olin, a native of Bennington, Vt., who came West with her father, Caleb Olin, at an early day. After marriage the young couple located near Portland, where they remained for a few months, thence moved to Commerce, Oakland County, and came to Davison Township, this county, in 1848. Here Mr. Griffin purchased his present farm on section 16, and in January, 1850, made his home upon it, having built a log cabin, into which they moved before he had put a door or window in it. A settlement of the Nipsing Indians camped a few miles away and wild game was plentiful.

The first purchase of land here made by Mr. Griffin was forty acres and his personal property might be enumerated as a team of oxen, twelve hens and a rooster. Mrs. Griffin passed away from earth January 19, 1889, leaving a family of children, of whom two have died, namely: Charles and Margaret. Those who are living are Harriet, Ardell, George and Rosa L. The present Mrs. Griffin was united in marriage with our subject September 9, 1891. Her maiden name was Rebecca Willson, and she was born in Canada.

The Republican party represents the political views of our subject, and his fellow-citizens have made him at various times Drainage and Highway Commissioner and Justice of the Peace. For a number of years he has been connected with the Masonic fraternity. On his fine farm of two hundred and seven acres, located on sections 15 and 16, he has a good frame house and barns, and the property is in a fine condition, having received thorough tillage. A dairy business has also been carried on there for several years.

ALBERT JEWELL. One of the most highly respected cititens of Atlas Township, Genesee County, is he whose name appears above, and who is one of the representative pioneers of Genesee County. He is a native of Essex County, Vt., and was born July 18, 1825, being a son of Daniel and Mary (Brown) Jewell, who were natives of Maine. When about six years of age our subject removed with his parents to Franklin County, N. Y., and was there reared and educated, receiving his training, as to

books, in the primitive schools of the day. He has supplemented the ideas that he imbibed from text books and schoolroom by the knowledge that he has ever been ready to assimilate in active life and in experience and general reading.

Our subject came to Genesee County in 1848, and settled on section 14, Atlas Township. His first home was practically in the woods, and their first residence was a log house, and here he set himself to improving the land, applying himself so energetically to the task that he has made of it a beautiful place. He was first married to Miss Annie Eeles, their nuptials being solemnized in 1850. By this union he became the father of two children, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Annie Jewell died in 1852, and our subject was married a second time, in 1856, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Johnson, a native of the Empire State. The two children that were born of this union are also deceased.

Mrs. Jewell is a member of the Baptist Church. The work of advancement and improvement in this section has been materially advanced, both by the individual effort, the example and influence of our subject. In his political belief he is a Republican. He is the owner of one hundred acres of land, upon which is a pleasant home and all the usual features of a well-kept, productive and thrifty farm. He and his wife are now thoroughly enjoying the fruits of their early labors. Their social life is pleasant and their friends, who are many in number, delight in gathering at their hospitable home.

EUGENE GOODRICH. We have here one of the representative citizens belonging to one of the enterprising pioneer families of Goodrich. His native home was in Atlas Township, Genesee County, and he was born January 26, 1842. His parents, Moses and Hannah (Anderson) Goodrich, were natives of New York, and of English origin. The Goodrich family can be traced back to the "Mayflower" and Plymouth Rock. The father of our subject was born in 1802 and in the fall of 1835, left his native State, New York, and accompanied by his brother, the Hon. Enos Goodrich, came to Genesee County, Mich., and became purchasers of one thousand acres of land which they obtained of the Government and which they subsequently apportioned among the members of the family.

Moses Goodrich had lost his first wife before coming West and in the spring of 1836 he sent for his son and daughter to join him in the new home. He settled on section 29, Atlas Township, and having cleared up the farm went to work to develop and cultivate it. He cheerfully underwent the usual hardships of pioneer life. The following winter he returned East, and on his journey back to Michigan, which took thirteen days in a sleigh drawn by oxen, he was accompanied by his brother Levi Goodrich.

The father of our subject was twice married and three of his children now survive, namely: George, Eugene and Nelson. He was one of the first to serve as Highway Commissioner of Atlas Township, and was a sturdy pioneer and a great worker. In his political views he was a Democrat and was active in promoting the best interests of the county. In his death which took place, September 10, 1887 this section of Michigan sustained a real loss.

Eugene Goodrich had his early training in Atlas Township and from early youth has been engaged in farming. He did much severe pioneer work. He received a common-school education which prepared him for the thorough course of reading which he has kept up all through his career. He was married September 22, 1865 to Rosa Mills, who became the mother of five children, namely: Edward, Florence E., Rosa (deceased), Archie and Frederick. The mother of these children was called from earth's activities in 1871.

The present Mrs. Goodrich who became the wife of our subject, December 22, 1875, bore the maiden name of Julia Maish. She was born in Lexington, Ky., October 12, 1841, and is a daughter of Frederick and Sarah D. (Dedrick) Maish. Her father was a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and the mother was born in Utica, N. Y. When in her second year she lost her father by death and when

nine years old she came with her mother and other members of the family to Michigan and for a number of years resided in Oakland County.

The Democratic party has in its principles and policy always commanded the respect and adherance of Mr. Goodrich. He owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty-three acres of land which is among the best in Atlas Township. His thorough integrity and ability have secured for him the esteem and confidence of the business community, and in social life he and his good wife are active and honored. In seeking for a name for the now thriving and busy village of Goodrich, the family of our subject was not overlooked, and indeed it may be truly said that its members were the founders of that place.

D. G. LAWRENCE, a representative farmer of Lapeer County, residing in Marathon Township, is a native of Ohio, and was born near Sandusky, December 9, 1819. His parents were Nathan and Charity (Varmatter) Lawrence, while his paternal grandfather bore the name of Joseph. His great-grandfather, John, came from England and was a member of the great Lawrence family. It is said that John Lawrence was a descendant of Robert Lawrence, who came from Rome and established the "cross" in 1056.

When our subject was one year old he was taken by his father from Ohio to Michigan, stopping at Mt. Clemens one year and proceeding thence to Troy, Oakland County, where he remained about eight years. From there he went to Macomb County, where he resided about three years, and next located in Oxford, where he so journed one year. Afterward he returned to Macomb County, being at that time about sixteen years of age. His father removed to Canada at about that period, but D. G. remained in Michigan, which has continued to be his home until the present time.

Upon starting out for himself Mr. Lawrence found employment on a farm at $9 per month, but by careful economy was able to buy a farm of forty acres, which he sold soon after buying it. His educational advantages were very meagre, but for a short time he attended school at Romeo, and is at present a well-informed man, having pursued a thorough and practical course of reading. He removed from Romeo to Lapeer County, where he worked in a sawmill, and in the winter of 1840 helped to cut out many of the roads of Lapeer County. He worked for A. N. Hart in 1841, taking his farm and operating it on shares, and in August of that year took charge of the mill at Millville.

In the fall of 1842 Mr. Lawrence bought eighty acres of land on section 29, Marathon Township, to which he added another eighty acres in 1849. He now owns four hundred and twenty acres in one body, three hundred and twenty being well improved, and the whole comprising one of the best farms in the township. He was married July 25, 1841, to Miss Lorinda McArthur, who was born in Oneida County February 22, 1824, and was the daughter of Andrew McArthur. Mrs. Lawrence died June 4, 1886, leaving three children, viz: Mary, wife of John Preston; Byron A. and Arthur, farmers in Marathon Township. Mr. Lawrence has held many of the township offices, and was Justice of the Peace for fourteen years.

C. M. PUTNAM, M. D. We here present a sketch of one of the most highly respected physicians of Flint, a man of broad culture and great native ability, who has a keen insight, not only into the affairs of his profession, but into the nature of men and the movements of public affairs. He was born in Batavia, N. Y., September 10, 1842, and his father, Morris Putnam, was also born in the Empire State and was engaged in farming in Batavia Township, where he had a very extensive estate. The family is proud to trace its ancestry back to old Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame.

In 1855 Morris Putnam sold his property in

New York and came to Michigan, buying a farm of two hundred and forty acres three miles east of Flint, in Burton Township, and he there engaged in farming until he retired from active duty and made his home in Flint, which was in 1867. He lived to be eighty-three years of age, and died November 27, 1890. His wife was Maria, daughter of Enoch Lord, and she was born in New York. She is now eighty-one years of age and makes her home with our subject. Of her six children five are now living.

He of whom we write was reared upon the farm in New York until he was thirteen years old, and then came with his parents to Michigan. Here he had good school advantages and completed his course at the Flint Union Schools. In 1860 he returned to Batavia, N. Y., to study medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. John F. Baker. From early boyhood it has been his desire to undertake such a course of study, and now his fondest hopes were to be realized. In the fall of 1863 he entered Hahneman Medical College at Philadelphia, and at the end of one year came to Flint, and here commenced the practice of his profession. In the fall of 1866 he again went to Philadelphia and took another course of study in the same college, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1867 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

Upon returning to Flint the young Doctor resumed his practice here, which he has gradually increasing so that he stands in the front rank of the physicians of Flint and is one of the most prominent homeopathists in the State. He stands high in his profession and has been unusually successful. His pleasant, affable disposition and cordial friendliness win hosts of friends, while his skill in the healing art gains him the confidence of all. He is a prominent member of the State Homeopathic Medical Society.

The Doctor's handsome residence is located at No. 902 Kearsley Street East, and she who presides over this home became the wife of Dr. Putnam at Sturgis, Mich., in 1873. Before her union with him she was Mrs. Euphemia Mossop. Her parents were of Scotch descent and she was born in Montreal, Canada. Two lovely and talented daughters have made bright the home of this worthy couple. They are both fine musicians and have been highly educated by their parents, both being graduates of the Academy of the Sacred Heart with the degree of Bachelor of Sciences. The eldest, Loretta E., excels in art and has a national reputation, and is now studying in Antwerp, Holland, giving her full attention to art. Euphemia D. is the second daughter and a young woman of fine capabilities. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity and in political matters is a true-blue and stanch Republican, but devotes his time and thought entirely to professional matters as the study of medicine is a labor of love with him.

CHARLES M. BEGOLE. The gentleman who resides on the farm on section 10, Genesee Township, Genesee County, is the youngest son of ex-Gov. J. W. Begole. He was born on the place where he now resides, August 10, 1848, and when about eight years of age he was taken by his parents to Flint, where he was educated. He finished his education at the Agricultural College at Lansing, and at the age of about twenty-three years started for California. His first stopping point was at San Francisco, where he spent seven months. He then returned from the State of the Golden Gate, sunshine and luscious fruits, by way of the Isthmus to New York City, returning to Flint, Mich., in 1866.

On coming back to this State, our subject at once engaged in the lumber business, being interested in the manufacture of lumber at Otter Lake and also in the town of Forest in connection with his brother Frank. They conducted the lumber business together up to 1875, and then Charles made his first attempt in farming, locating upon the place where he now resides.

November 17, 1873, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Emma Begole, the eldest daughter of Evan Begole, who was born in Ypsilanti July 22, 1852. She was there reared and educated and became a most attractive and charm-

ing woman. Mr. Begole has a farm of four hundred acres, which is well cultivated, and most of which is under the plow. There are three houses upon the farm, in which his tenantry may be accommodated. He keeps on an average from five to six men. He devotes himself to general farming, but pays a great deal of attention to stock-raising, having constantly on hand from three to four hundred head of graded Merino sheep. He also has a large number of hogs and cattle. At one time he made a specialty of breeding horses, and now has twelve head of fine animals. He ships much stock to the East.

The original of our sketch is the owner of a large amount of stock in the Mexican iron mines, and is also interested in the Mexican Iron Mountain Manufacturing Company. The mountain is one mile long, seven hundred feet high and has one-third of a mile in width of pure iron soil, being the largest iron deposit in the world. This will doubtless bring valuable returns to the holders of stock. Mr. Begole is a Democrat in his political preference. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and is one of the most constant in that body at Mt. Morris.

JUDGE SILAS B. GASKILL, attorney-at-law in Lapeer, was born April 18, 1828, in Gainesville, Genesee County, (now Wyoming County) N. Y. His parents were Silas and Jane (Brown) Gaskill, natives of New York and New Jersey, respectively. The father was a farmer, and the boyhood days of our subject were passed upon a farm until he was about fourteen years old, when he entered the Genesee Wesleyan College, at Lima, N. Y. He was compelled to leave college before graduating and for four succeeding years found employment as a teacher in village schools. He commenced to read law under Judge Hiram Gardner, and in 1858 was admitted to practice at the bar of the State of Michigan.

In 1861 Mr. Gaskill located in Lapeer. About that time he offered his services to his country but was rejected on account of poor health. He became influential in Lapeer County very soon after he settled in the city of Lapeer for the practice of his profession, and between the years 1861 and 1869 he was Prosecuting Attorney for the county. In April, 1880, he was appointed by Gov. Crosswell as Circuit Judge for the Sixth Judicial District and was the first resident of Lapeer County who ever served as Circuit Judge. During his occupancy of this position, the famous Dr. Hall case was tried before him in Oakland County. He served about two years as Judge and his decisions were marked by deep knowledge of the law and unbiased opinions. In his political affiliations he was a Republican until his personal friend Grover Cleveland was nominated for the Presidency, and he worked for him with great energy and enthusiasm. His practice is extensive in various portions of this State and he also practices before the Supreme Court. He is the father of two children—Nettie and Eddie.

JOHN RHODES. After a life spent in usefulness and in helping to perfect each bit of nature with which he came in contact, he whose name appears above was borne to his long home, but has left behind in the hearts and memories of his friends a record that is worthy of emulation by the young and that is an encouragement to the middle aged. Having for some time been a resident of Atlas Township, Genesee County, our subject was born in Orange County, N. Y., August 12, 1820. He is the son of William and Mary (Carr) Rhodes. The latter died when our subject was but a child.

When thirteen years of age John Rhodes with his father and stepmother removed to Western New York and when sixteen years old continued on the crest of the Westward wave to Huron County, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. He there received a common-school education but was not the recipient of High School advantages. He has devoted himself throughout life to farming. His domestic life began September 28,

1813, when he was married in Ohio to Miss Huldah Hanley, who was born in Huron County of the same State, August 3, 1821. She was a daughter of John and Roxanna (Beebe) Hanley, and both parents were natives of Connecticut. Her grandfather Beebe settled in Lorain County, Ohio and thither Mrs. Rhodes' mother accompanied him although she had previously been married in her native State. The men of the family were patriots whose services were always offered in the time of their country's need.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes six children were born, four of whom are now living—Mary J., Frances, Mrs. Oscar Sweers; Calvin L., and Ella M. Sarah and Adel are deceased, the latter dying in infancy. In 1843 our subject started with his wife to Michigan, coming via the lakes, and his parents accompanied them, but took the overland route. They made a settlement in Genesee County, now owned and occupied by Mrs. Rhodes. They settled in the woods, building a log cabin in which they resided for several years, erecting their present residence later. He cleared up a farm which was in a wild condition, using oxen in the work for a number of years. He died March 4, 1888. In his death Atlas Township loses one of her early pioneers and most esteemed citizens. He was a member of the Congregational Church of which he had been Trustee for many years. In his political views he was a Republican. At his death he left a valuable estate which was the result of his life labor. His widow resides on the home farm and she with her children make one of the most highly esteemed families in this portion of the county.

GEORGE R. HOWE. Our subject is a prominent farmer in this section and has a fine place which is under the best of cultivation and boasts a pleasant and attractive home. He was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., August 16, 1833, and is a son of Ezra Howe who was born in Franklin County, N. Y. Our subject's father was a farmer but worked at lumbering until he was thirty or thirty-five years old. He came to Oakland County, Mich., in 1849 and in 1851 he removed to Davison Township, Genesee County. He cleared and improved a farm here and made it his home for eighteen years and then came to Burton Township, and has since made his home with his sons. He is now in his eighty-fifth year. He remembers some incidents of the War of 1812 and especially of hearing the cannonading at the battle of Plattsburg.

Our subject's father has been associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church for nearly seventy years. He is of English ancestry his father served in the Revolutionary War; he was wounded and received a pension. Our subject's mother was in her maiden days a Miss Frances Goodenough, a native of Vermont and born in 1806; she died in 1883. Three children were the outcome of that union. Our subject was reared on the farm and attended school in the log schoolhouse of the district, until twelve years old when he went only in the winter. He remained under the parental roof until of age but was engaged some in working out previous to that time in a lumber camp, and for nine winters he worked in the pine woods. Our subject purchased his first land in Davison Township, this county, in 1853, paying for it by labor in the lumber woods during the winters and spending the summers in clearing and improving the place.

After marriage our subject located on his farm but in 1870 he sold out and purchased his present farm, which is located on section 26, Burton Township and he has since resided at this place. Our subject married Miss Clarissa Merrill, October 15, 1863. She was a native of New York and a daughter of William G. and Angeline (Morgan) Merrill, natives of Massachusetts and New York respectively. They were pioneers, however, in this State. Mrs. Howe's father was a finely-educated man who was naturally given positions in township and social affairs. When a young man he studied law in Boston until his health failed and he was obliged to come West. Mr. and Mrs. Howe are the parents of four children whose names are Edwin G., Marion S., Herbert M. and John G. The eldest is married and lives on an adjoining farm. The second is a teacher in the Indiana Normal School.

The daughter is a teacher in the district school. Our subject is a Republican in politics and has held various local offices. He was Highway Commissioner in Davison Township and Justice of the Peace in this township for seven years. He was also Supervisor of this township for seven successive years and was elected to a position on the County Board of Superintendents of the Poor in 1888. Both he and his wife have been associated with the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1855. Our subject is the owner of eighty acres of fine land.

WILLIAM H. FANNING, M. D. We here present a sketch of another member of that profession which cares for the physical well-being of humanity, one who has made his mark in Lapeer and has built up for himself a good practice here. He was born in Elgin County, Canada, not far from London, on July 16, 1843. He is the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Garman) Fanning, the father being a native of Ireland who came to Canada when about twenty years of age and the mother was a Canadian by birth, having been born and brought up in the city of Montreal.

A deep affliction befell this family when our subject was only eight years old. The father died leaving the mother in limited circumstances with the care upon her of five children, all of them young. The mother never married again but devoted herself unflinchingly to the care and support of her children and managed to keep them together until they were old enough to earn their own living. William did what he could to earn money to help support the family and eagerly gleaned what education he could pick up.

The young man began the study of medicine when eighteen years old, under Dr. Clark, of Aylmer, of Ontario, and at the same time earned his board by taking care of the Doctor's office. He remained with his kind friend about six years except while absent attending lectures. He took one term at Cleveland in the Western Homœopathic College and the next term at Chicago at the Hahnemann College, from which he graduated in 1869. He came to Lapeer and located for practice and here a singular coincidence of disasters deprived him of his credentials. His office was burned out in 1871 and he thereby lost his diploma, and during the great Chicago the records of the College were destroyed. He finally decided to pass another examination and obtained a second diploma which bears the date, 1879, although he really completed his course in 1869. He passed one year in North Branch in this county.

Dr. Fanning was married in Lapeer, March 14, 1875 to Miss Isabel Woods of this city who was born at Zanesville, Ohio, in June, 1853. One son, Willoughby, was born in Lapeer, January 14, 1877, and although he did not attend school until the age of eight, he is now in the eighth grade and is known as a good and truthful boy. The Doctor is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Knights of Pythias. His political convictions make him a Republican, but he has never been an office-seeker. He has met with a high degree of success so much so that he has been obliged to cut off his practice in certain directions. His success does not make him unmindful of those who are struggling and he is ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. His pleasant and genial manners add to the popularity which his professional skill has given him.

ALONZO B. MARKHAM, President of the Commercial Bank of Mayville, is one of the leading members of the Tuscola County Bar and has made his home in Mayville for twenty years. He was born in Plymouth, Wayne County, June 9, 1845, and is a son of Abraham B. and Mary L. (Bradley) Markham, natives of New England, whose ancestors for several generations had resided in the Eastern States.

The father of our subject was born April 6, 1800, and in 1825 emigrated alone to Michigan and settled in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, where he purchased Government land,

the patent for which was signed by President John Quincy Adams. This purchase comprised eighty acres and for sixty-two years it was the home of Abraham B. Markham. He purchased more land and in time his homestead comprised three hundred and twenty acres. He also dealt somewhat in real estate and for many years he was accounted the most thorough and successful farmer in Plymouth Township.

In his old age the father was stricken with paralysis and was removed to Mayville where his death occurred. His funeral was held at his old home and he was laid to rest in the old cemetery at Plymouth. He was a man of thorough education and a great reader, always keeping abreast of the times. In his early life he was an old-line Whig and was one of the delegates to the first Republican Convention held at Jackson in June, 1854. His good wife who is still living is now in her eighty-first year.

The brothers and sister of our subject are George B., who lives at Mayville; Henry C., who was a locomotive engineer and died at Mayville; Mary L., who resides with her mother at Plymouth, and William F., who is the patentee and manufacturer of the Markham Air Rifle, the principal manufacturing output of Plymouth. Our subject passed his early life upon the farm, attending the common school and spending one year at the Agricultural College and Lansing but his schooling was interrupted by the breaking out of the Civil War and the call of Abraham Lincoln stirred into an active response the patriotism of this young man, who enlisted August 5, 1862 although only seventeen years of age.

Alonzo B. Markham joined Company C, Twenty-fourth Regiment Michigan Infantry, which formed a part of the Iron Brigade. His first battle was at Fredericksburg on the 13th of December, and he was with the Army of the Potomac until his discharge at the close of the war. Following his return home he again resumed his studies and graduated from the Northville High School in Wayne County. He then took a special course at the University of Michigan graduating from the law department in the Class of '71. His first location was at Mayville and in July of that year he hung out his shingle upon which was inscribed: "A. B. Markham Attorney at Law." For fifteen years he gave his whole attention to his profession and built up a large and lucrative practice, dealing also in real estate and loans.

The Commercial Bank was established September 17, 1890, with A. B. Markham & Co. as proprietors, and the Commercial Bank building was erected. This is one of the neatest structures in the village. The previous year Mr. Markham had built a two story brick block containing four stores on the ground floor. He also owned and platted the Beachwood Addition to the village of Mayville and owns two improved farms besides considerable realty which he is holding for speculation. Every dollar of his fortune has been made by his own efforts and notwithstanding his success he is still a plain citizen, easily approached and courteous to all. He is a shrewd financier and an able lawyer.

Mr. Markham was married January 29, 1873, to Mary, daughter of John Van Riper, a farmer of Livingston County, and they have one daughter, Edith May, who was born December 19, 1874. In political matters he is in sympathy with the Republican party and he has held a number of official positions, having been for several years Circuit Court Commissioner for the county, besides being Supervisor and Township Clerk, and has been the President of the School Board since the Mayville Schools have been graded. He is Post Commander of the Grand Army Post at Mayville and Past Dictator of the Mayville Lodge and Knights of Honor.

MORGAN W. STINSON. Among the native-born citizens of Michigan whose present home is in Fenton Township, Genesee County, is this gentleman, whose native place is in Addison Township, Oakland County, and whose birth occurred February 25, 1847. His father, George W. Stinson, was born in Essex County, N. Y., in August, 1820, and was

reared on a farm, emigrating to Oakland County, Mich., about 1843, and purchasing a farm in Addison Township. After clearing and improving that place, he sold it and removed to Genesee County in 1855, buying a farm in Fenton Township, where he remained until his death, April 10, 1891.

Grandfather Nathan Stinson was a native of New Jersey and came to Michigan at an early day, settling in Genesee County, where he died when seventy-two years old. The father of our subject was a very successful farmer, and although he started out in life without means, by industry and economy he accumulated a large property. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Gulick, and who was born October 23, 1821, became the parents of six children, four of whom still survive. Of these Mr. Stinson is the second and the eldest now living. After he was old enough to work he attended the district school only in the winter season, and in the summer found employment on the farm.

Until he was twenty-two years old our subject remained under the parental roof, but at that time engaged in farming for himself. After renting for one year, he purchased a place, which he has since operated. He was married in 1869, Miss Elizabeth Benedict, a daughter of Silas and Martha E. (Parks) Benedict, becoming his wife. Mrs. Stinson was born in Hartland, Livingston County, this State. Her grandfather, Silas Benedict, was a native of New York State, and at an early day removed to Canada, where his son, Silas, Jr., was born in 1806. During the War of 1812 he returned to New York, because a continued residence in Canada became dangerous as he would not swear allegiance to the King of Great Britain. Mrs. Stinson's great-grandfather was scalped by the Indians during the Revolutionary War. Her father came to Michigan during the early days of its settlement and located in Brandon Township, Oakland County, where he lived twelve years. From that place he removed to Livingston County, and remained there twelve years, going thence to Fenton Township. He now makes his home with our subject. The mother died in 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Stinson are the parents of four children, namely: Martha E., who was born May 21, 1872; Lucille, March 31, 1878; George J. and Silas R. (twins), July 20, 1879. In his politics Mr. Stinson is a Democrat, and socially is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife have membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are consistent in their Christian living. A successful farmer, he is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good land on section 31, and is numbered among the most practical and thorough-going farmers of the community.

JOHN H. YOUNG, a prominent dentist of Lapeer, was born in London, Canada, September 18, 1870, and is the son of James A. and Mary (Harris) Young, both natives of Canada. He is the younger of two sons, the elder, Frederic W., having been born in February, 1867. The boyhood days of our subject were principally passed in Victoria, British Columbia, where he was graduated from the High Schools. When sixteen he began to study dentistry and for four years was thus engaged in Tillsonburg, Ontario. Thence he went to the Philadelphia Dental College, and was graduated from that institution in 1890. In October of the same year he located in Lapeer, where he has since resided. In June, 1891, he was married to Miss Ada Aline Moore, of Tillsonburg, Ontario, and the young couple are highly esteemed in Lapeer and vicinity. The Doctor has been an extensive traveler and has visited the principal cities of the United States and Canada.

James A. Young, father of our subject, now lives in Tillsonburg and is general agent for Mercer Bros., of Alliston, Ontario, dealers in agricultural implements. Grandfather John Young was of Pennsylvania-Dutch origin and settled in Canada when the present site of London was a wilderness. He engaged extensively in farming operations near that city. Farther back in the family history the ancestors owned flouring mills where Rochester, N. Y., now stands, those being the first mills started in that place.

The brother of our subject, who is now a dental student in his office, was born in London, Ontario, and is a graduate of the High School of Victoria. Like his brother, he has traveled extensively and is well informed on all topics of general interest. At Tillsonburg he was engaged as a dealer in agricultural implements and was among the most influential business men in that portion of Canada. In partnership with his father, he conducted a real-estate business prior to coming to Lapeer in 1891. October 24, 1889, he was united in marriage with Miss Maggie Enrie, of Tillsonburg, Ontario, and they have one child—Arthur H., who was born there November 22, 1890.

JESSE H. BUCK. Genesee County contains many fine farms, but among them all there are but few which deserve more favorable mention than the estate of Mr. Buck, which is pleasantly located on section 31, Mundy Township. Mr. Buck is descended from Asahel Buck, a native of Cayuga County, N. Y., who died at the residence of his son William in Washtenaw County, Mich. The son of Asahel was Abel, (our subject's father) who was born in the same county as his father, and who married Miss Sarah, the daughter of Hiram Lanning, a native of New York State. Mrs. Sarah Buck was born in 1814 in Cayuga County, N. Y., and became the wife of Abel Buck in her native county August 16, 1832. In 1836 they removed to Salem, Washtenaw County, this State, and thence two years later they removed to Highland Township, Oakland County, where they remained until their death. He died June 20, 1860, while she passed away December 20, 1886.

The family of Abel and Sarah Buck comprised thirteen children, seven sons and six daughters, Jesse H., of this sketch, being the seventh child. He was born in Highland Township, Oakland County, this State, June 28, 1844, and there passed the early years of his life. In 1864 he removed to Mundy Township, Genesee County, and purchased eighty acres on section 31, which he at once commenced to clear. Since 1864 he has resided in Mundy Township and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 31. He was married in Fenton Township, in 1865, to Clarinda, the daughter of Joshua Meeker, of the same township. Mrs. Buck was born in Fenton Township, May 11, 1842, and became the mother of five children, namely: George, who died in infancy; Julia E., who is the wife of Guy Baldwin; Kingsley, Mary J. and Sarah. Mrs. Clarinda Buck died November 25, 1889.

On April 22, 1891 Mr. Buck was united in marriage with Mrs. Mattie J. Baird, *nee* Traphagan, the ceremony which united them taking place in Fenton Township. Mrs. Buck is the daughter of William H. and Jane M. (Ackerson) Traphagan, the former dying October 23, 1889. Mrs. Buck, who is the fifth among six children, was born in Holly Township, Oakland County, this State, March 11, 1856, and is a lady of social culture and great worth. Her first husband was Charles F. Baird, who was born June 28, 1853, in St. Clair County, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Baird resided in Marine City six months, and thence removed to Denver, Col., sojourning there one and one-half years. From that place they returned to Marine City, Mich., where Mr. Baird died October 23, 1880. Mrs. Buck is the mother of one son by that marriage—Bert B.

Mr. Buck has filled the office of Constable for two years and has taken an active part, as a strong Republican, in local political affairs. He is also greatly interested in religious matters, and was at one time Steward in the church as well as a teacher in the Sunday-school.

CHARLES E. BAKER. This gentleman is the owner of the Kingston Wagon Factory, and has a blacksmith and general repair shop in connection with his factory, besides being engaged in milling and lumbering to some extent. He resides in Kingston Township, Tuscola County, where he has a pleasant and comfortable home. He was born in 1860 in Oakland County, this State, and is a son of William and Nancy (Craw-

ford) Baker. William Baker, who was born in the State of Michigan in 1826 is a son of David Baker, who was a native of Ohio. At the age of twenty-four he commenced in life for himself, learning the cooper's trade and starting a shop at White Lake, Mich. Later he embarked in business, as a blacksmith.

In that way William Baker was employed about twenty years, when he entered the ministry and was on the circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. He is now retired and makes his home in Gagetown, this State. Unto him and his wife six children were born, namely: Pollie, the wife of J. H. Cook of Saginaw County; Jennie, who married Nelson Malloney of Saginaw County; William R., whose home is in Saginaw County; G. Wesley, of Kingston; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, wife of H. Dash, of Romeo, this State. While still quite young Charles E. learned the trade of a blacksmith and at the age of twenty started a shop of his own in Saginaw County, where he sojourned two years.

Thence Mr. Baker came to Tuscola County and was located at Hurd's Corners until 1881, when he removed his shop and opened his factory at Kingston. In 1882 he married Mary Hunt, and after her death was married to Miss Mary, the daughter of William and Anna Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of one child, William E. In his social relations Mr. Baker is identified with Newberry Lodge, No. 216, I. O. O. F., and he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kingston.

CHARLES PALMER, President of the Charles Palmer Banking House at Imlay City, was born in Saratoga County, N. Y., September 27 1831. He is the son of Ashbel and Elizabeth Palmer. The grandfather and great-grandfather of our subject lived in Saratoga before the Revolution and the famous battlefield of Saratoga was only a mile and a half from their home. Our subject's father was a soldier in the War of 1812 and his grandfather was in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Palmer was reared in the village of Stillwater where he attended the village schools and at the age of seventeen began working on the railroad as a civil engineer. In September, 1851, he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he was connected with the Toledo, Norwalk & Cleveland Railroad as civil engineer, having charge of the construction of twenty miles of the road from Toledo east. He remained there until 1853, when he went to Wisconsin where he was engaged in the construction of several roads.

In 1870 Mr. Palmer platted Imlay City, erecting the first building, which was called the Bancroft House and which was burned in 1873. He has been a resident of this city since his first coming here and is one of its most prominent and influential citizens. In politics he is a Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for Franklin Pierce, but when Lincoln was nominated, became a Republican. He has served on the School Board for twelve years and was Village Trustee for a number of years. He has taken the Royal Arch degree in Masonry. Mr. Palmer is a purely self-made man and is an extensive landowner, being the largest taxpayer in Imlay City. Our subject is the father of eight children, seven of whom are living.

HON. ANTHONY WILLIAMS, who owns and operates a fine farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres in Attica Township, Genesee County, is residing in Attica Village where he has a beautiful home. He was born in Superior Township, Washtenaw County, this State, September 29, 1836. He is the son of William Williams, a native of Chautauqua County, N. Y., whose birth occurred in 1801, and who died in 1881. He was a blacksmith by trade and at an early day in 1831 came to Michigan and located in Washtenaw County.

The father of our subject lived in Washtenaw County for nine years, living eighteen months of that time in Ypsilanti. He then came to Lapeer

County and locating in Dryden Township lived there for seven years engaged in farming and working at his trade. In 1851 he came to Genesee County and built the first house where the village of Attica now stands, being the first permanent settler in that place. He erected the first mill in Attica Township, sawing pine lumber which he sold in Pontiac, Detroit and Romeo. The first saw-mill burned down within four weeks after it was erected, but he immediately set about to rebuild and in ninety days another mill was in operation. In four years, however, that burned and another was erected which in turn was destroyed by fire in 1876. Notwithstanding all these losses Mr. Williams was very successful in business.

The township meetings were held for some time at the residence of William Williams, he being very active in local politics. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Betsey Brockway. Mr. Williams of this sketch received an excellent education, attending first the district schools of Dryden and later one term in the Almont graded schools and then entered Dickinson Institute at Romeo where he remained two terms. After leaving school he engaged in the milling business with his father, which he has followed off and on ever since.

In 1862, the Hon. Anthony Williams was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Briggs of Attica. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of John S. Briggs, who was the first man buried in the Attica cemetery. To our subject and his wife have come a family of seven children, viz: Minnie, who is residing at home; Byron, who died when one year old; Katie, who is a successful teacher in the Attica public schools; she received an excellent education in the Normal School of Ypsilanti, also at Fentonville and Ft. Gratiot. Blanche A., who died in infancy; Jennie M., who lives with her parents; Elva, who is a student in the Attica schools; Herbert D., also attending school in Attica.

Socially, Mr. Williams is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Attica Lodge, No. 295, and now holds the position of Worshipful Master; he is also an Odd Fellow. He is a Patron of Husbandry, belonging to Pine Stub Grange and is a Patron of Industry. In politics, he is a stanch Democrat. He has been the incumbent of various township offices, among which was Supervisor. In 1883, Mr. Williams was elected to the State Legislature by a majority of eighty-eight in a Republican district. He has been a member of the committees on Railroads, Insane Asylum at Kalamazoo, and on Supplies and Expenditures. He also introduced bills to classify railroad freight, to prevent discrimination in freights, to extend the boundary line of the village of North Branch and various other bills.

The grandfather of our subject was Thomas Williams, a native of Vermont. The family are direct descendants from William Williams, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

ABRAM LINK. Among the enterprising and successful farmers of Flint Township Genessee County, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. His beautiful farm and comfortable home constitutes one of the ornaments of the township and is located on section 19. Our subject is the son of John Link of German descent. His mother was Sarah B. Link, a native of Genesee County, N. Y. They passed away in Flint Township after having become the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters.

The gentleman of whom we write was the eldest son of his parents' family was brought by them to Genesee County in 1836. They located in Flint Township. Abram Link was born in New York, December 11, 1835, hence was only one year old when his parents came West. He grew to manhood in Flint Township which has since been his home. He learned the trade of a blacksmith in the city of Flint, which occupation he followed for several years, or until he purchased the farm on which he now resides, in 1864.

Mr. Link owns eighty acres of admirable land, all of which is in an excellent state of cultivation. He was married in Flint, February 27, 1859, to Miss Permelia, daughter of John and Anna Mar-

shell, natives of England. The parents came to America some time in the '40s'; the mother died in Flint Township and the father in Clayton Township, Genesee County.

Mrs. Permelia Link was born in Devonshire, England, May 7, 1839 and by her union with our subject has become the mother of four children,—Jennie, who is the wife of Marion Dye; Cora, who is the wife of Fred Brown; Henrietta, Mrs. Clarence Brockway and Rutha A. who died January 23, 1884. Mr. Link has held the office of Highway Commissioner and in politics is a firm Prohibitionist. Together with his wife, he is an active and concientious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has held many of the offices in his denomination among which was that of Class-Leader. Socially he is a Mason.

NICHOLAS R. SCHERMERHORN, Postmaster at Mayville, located in Tuscola County, March 12, 1858. He was born in the county of Brant, Canada, June 16, 1838, and is the son of Lawrence C. and Elizabeth (Coon) Schermerhorn, natives of New York State. The parents were born in the Dominion and on coming to Michigan, in 1856, located in Fremont Township, Tuscola County, on land which was slightly improved. At the time of his decease which occurred in January, 1858, the father owned three hundred and twenty acres of land. His wife preceded him to the better land by some years, in Canada. The parental family numbered eleven children, all of whom grew to maturity. The father had by a previous marriage become the parent of two children.

Our subject was the youngest child of his parents and as they were in very limited circumstances he was allowed to attend school only nine months in Canada. He accompanied his parents to Michigan and after the death of his father went by overland route to California where he worked for a time in the mines, then followed blacksmithing. The Civil War breaking out about that time he enlisted, and October 3, 1861, he was mustered into service in Company G, Fifth California Infantry and did duty in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, fighting the Indians. His term of enlistment expiring, he re-enlisted and served until September 15, 1866.

At the close of the war Mr. Schermerhorn returned to Mayville and engaged in blacksmithing. In 1868 he began cultivating the farm left by his father and tilled the soil until 1872, when he sold out and engaged in the hardware business at Mayville. He was so unfortunate, however, as to be burned out six weeks after establishing there losing his entire stock of goods. He rebuilt and was soon in a shape to renew his business which he conducted, together with a general store erected in 1880, until 1889, when in March of that year he was again burned out, losing both stores which were but lightly insured. In 1888 he took the contract and built the public school building at Mayville. In 1890 he was appointed Postmaster. He has erected the post-office building, the Commercial Bank Block and has been engaged in doing some of the finest contract work in Mayville.

The gentleman of whom we write was married October 14, 1867, to Harriet A., daughter of James Lawrason, a native of Canada, where Mrs. Schermerhorn was also born and resided until her marriage. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife—Wallace J., Etta and Centennia M. Mrs. Schermerhorn is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Our subject is identified with the Odd Fellows, is also a Knight of Honor, a Maccabee, and belongs to the Grand Army Post. In politics he is a firm Republican. He has been President of the village and a member of the School Board.

NICHOLAS CASHIN. The agricultural element that has been so largely instrumental in the upbuilding of Genesee County, has no better representative than this gentleman. For many years he has been a resident of this county, has become a man of wealth, and one of the principal farmers of Thetford Township, where he has large farming interests and a commodious resi-

dence. By years of hard and persistent toil, he has brought his land to a fine state of cultivation, and has become well known as one of the most influential residents of the community. He was reared to habits of industry, and early displayed those strong characteristics which have made him successful in carrying on extensive farming operations on his estate of one hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. Cashin was born in Ireland, August 15, 1830, and is the son of John and Anastatia (Harper) Cashin, both natives of the Emerald Isle. By occupation John Cashin was a farmer, miller and trader, and as an honest and reliable citizen was well known throughout County Wexford, Ireland, in which he made his home. Worldly prosperity never came to him, although he was able to keep his wife and children in comfort until his death, which came when he was yet in the prime of life. When that sad event occurred our subject was a lad of thirteen and afterward he was compelled to work his own way in the world. At the age of twenty-one he crossed the broad Atlantic, landed in Quebec, thence came to Michigan and settled in Genesee County. Having been the recipient of an excellent common-school education, he was enabled to bring to his work a disciplined mind, good judgment and the best ideas of eminent men in his calling.

Immediately after his arrival in this county Mr. Cashin commenced to work for wages and also was engaged at the carpenter's trade for a time. When ready to establish home ties of his own he was married in 1870, to Miss Eliza Donaly who resided in Mt. Morris Township. Their wedded life was brief, as the wife died in 1874, leaving one child—Katie. Mr. Cashin was again married in 1877, choosing as his wife Miss Mary A. Daily, of Mt. Morris Township, this county. Their congenial union has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely; John, Fannie, McArthur and Julia. The children still remain under the parental roof and are receiving excellent educations which will prepare them for responsible places in business and society.

After his marriage Mr. Cashin resided in Mt. Morris for more than twenty-five years, buying and selling staves and square timber. He owned and managed a grocery store for about five years, and was engaged in the wholesale liquor business in Flint, where he now owns a lot. He is besides the owner of three stores and three acres of land in Mt. Morris Village. For more than thirty years his principal business was buying staves and square timber, shipping and selling in Europe, but he deemed it prudent to quit that business on account of the scarcity of oak timber. In 1887 he removed from the village of Mt. Morris to his present farm, which he had owned for over thirty years and cultivated by hired help. He has bought and sold land in Genesee County, mostly for the timber, but is now chiefly engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

Politically Mr. Cashin is a Democrat and has served efficiently as Trustee of Mt. Morris Village. His many years' residence in this county has gained for him a host of warm friends who have been attracted to him by his genial and kindly nature. He has displayed great enterprise in the management of his affairs and yet finds time to keep himself well informed regarding the political issues of the day.

MORRIS ANDERSON is a prosperous farmer who makes his home on section 16, Flint Township, Genesee County. He is a native of the Empire State, having been born in Newstead, Erie County, July 10, 1820. His parents were Lemuel and Jane (Morris) Anderson, who after their marriage located in Madison County, N. Y., and from that place removed to Erie County, where they continued to reside until 1850, when they came to Michigan and located in Flint Township. Here the parents made their home until death.

The parental family included five children, of whom Morris was the eldest but one. He grew to manhood in his native county and when his parents came to Michigan he came with them and aided his father in the work of clearing the farm.

He remained here only a twelvemonth, however, when he returned to New York, and made Genesee County his home for the succeeding ten years. At the expiration of that time he again came West, and lived for a year on the old homestead and later settled on section 16, which has since been his home, with the exception of eight years when he resided in the village of Flint, at the same time carrying on the work of his farm. His landed possessions aggregate one hundred acres, all of which is improved and embellished with good buildings.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage May 25, 1847, in Erie County, N. Y., to Miss Mary Ann Jewell, a native of Dutchess County N. Y. Her father was Abraham Jewell. To our subject and his estimable wife has been granted a family of nine children of whom we make the following mention: Cecelia M. is the wife of Nelson Evans; Cynthia J. is the wife of W. J. McAllister; Augusta died in infancy; Edwin married Ella Carpenter; Ida W. is the wife of R. H. Aitken; Harley is also married; Homer married Ora Utley; Adelaide A. and Hattie Gertrude. In politics Mr. Anderson is a true-blue Republican and is regarded as one of the well-to-do farmers of Flint Township.

SEYMOUR PERRY. Among the influential and prominent pioneers of Genesee County, selected for representation in this volume, we introduce to our readers the worthy subject of this sketch, who is a septuagenarian. He is residing on section 14, Grand Blanc Township and was born in Monroe County, N. Y., March 13, 1818. He was the son of Edmund and Mercy Perry and in 1826 accompanied his parents and other members of the family to Michigan, coming hither via the Erie Canal and the lakes to Detroit and overland to Grand Blanc Township, Genesee County.

Our subject was reared amid pioneer scenes and has witnessed the marvelous growth of the country since his location here. Mr. Perry was married to Mary A., daughter of Samuel and Anne Johnson of New York State, and to them have been born eight children, the following of whom are living: Lee, Joshua K., Ida (Mrs. Henry Mason), Nellie (Mrs. George R. Mason), Ella, and Lizzie (Mrs. Frank Swift.)

Mr. Perry is the owner of two hundred and forty-three acres of excellent land, which by hard work and perseverance he has brought to a good state of cultivation. His farm is made further valuable by the erection upon it of substantial buildings and indeed every convenience which goes to make it a first-class estate. In politics Mr. Perry is a high-tariff Republican, believing that party to be in the right. He is one of the leading pioneers in the county and his fine farm is a standing monument to his industry and good management.

ENOS GOODRICH. In the fall of 1835 our subject, with his brother, Moses Goodrich, came from Erie County, N. Y. and purchased one thousand acres of land from the Government, which was located in the central portion of Atlas Township, Tuscola County. They erected a small log house on section 20, after which they returned to Clarence, Erie County. The following February, accompanied by their mother and brothers, Reuben, Levi W. and John S. besides other members of the family, they returned to Michigan.

Levi H. Goodrich, the father of our subject, joined his family in Michigan the fall following their location here, and from that period the name of Goodrich has been interwoven with social, commercial and political history of this section. They erected mills, stores, and cleared up and put into excellent condition some of the finest land found in this part of the State. The now beautiful and thriving village of Goodrich was founded by them and is among their most enduring monuments.

In the fall of 1846 Enos Goodrich was elected to represent this constituency in the Lower House of the Michigan Legislature. The session of 1847 was memorable for being the last one held in Detroit. He took an active and conspicuous part in

the struggle which ensued for the removal of the State Capital to Lansing, and in 1852 was elected to represent this county in the State Senate. The post-office in Goodrich was established in 1846 and our subject was commissioned its first Postmaster. It was first known as Atlas post-office, but in 1849 its name was changed to Goodrich.

The first dwelling erected in Goodrich was a small one-story structure which our subject built in 1838 and the first land entered upon the present site of Goodrich was by Levi and Enos Goodrich in 1835. The mill site, including a tract of forty acres, was entered in the name of Enos Goodrich and the grist and flouring mill, known as the Goodrich Mill was built in 1844 by the Goodrich Bros. Our subject was likewise the founder of what was known in that early day as the Goodrich Bank, an institution which honorably redeemed its circulation and procured the full discharge of its securities from the Auditor-General.

That the subject of this sketch was one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens of his time the reader will readily observe. Among the many prominent public-spirited and influential pioneers of Atlas Township, there are none more worthy of representation in this RECORD than the Hon. Enos Goodrich.

PROF. GEORGE H. BROESAMLE, Principal of the Imlay City High School, was born at Little Falls, Herkimer County, N. Y., January 10, 1856. He is the son of George Broesamle, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, where his birth occurred in 1831. He came to the United States when eighteen years of age and located at Little Falls, N. Y., where he remained until 1866. During that time he worked at the trade of carpenter and joiner, and in the above-named year came to Bloomer Township, Lapeer County, near Carson City, this State, where he purchased a farm. The mother of our subject was before her marriage Caroline Miner, a native of Saxony, Germany. She came to the United States with her parents when sixteen years of age, and met and married our subject's father at Little Falls, N. Y.; she is still living.

The gentleman of whom we write remained at home until reaching the age of nineteen years when he worked on a farm one summer in order to get the wherewithal to attend school. He entered the Greenville High School and was a student there off and on for two years, his irregularity being occasioned by his teaching every alternate term, in the meantime keeping up his classes in the High School. After graduating from the High School he entered the Agricultural College, in 1878, and took the equivalent of one year's study. He taught the succeeding winter, and in the spring of 1879, entered the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, from which he was graduated in 1880. After teaching for a time he was appointed Principal of the Marlette school, a position which he held satisfactorily for three years. He then came to Imlay City in 1885 where he has since been Principal.

Mr. Broesamle was married August 22, 1883, to Miss Mary E. Lee, of Marlette, this State. Mrs. Broesamle was a daughter of Samuel Lee, a Methodist minister. Her father died in 1881; he was a native of Little Falls, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Broesamle have two children—Sarah and Paul. Prof. Broesamle and his wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Imlay City. Our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Imlay City Lodge, No. 341. In politics he is independent, reserving the right to vote for the best man.

ROBERT V. BRAY, the owner and proprietor of the Jewell House at Vasser, the best hotel in Northeastern Michigan, was born in County Cornwall, England, May 6, 1851. He is a son of Thomas and Frances (Vial) Bray. He had but limited opportunities for an education as his labor was needed to aid in the family support when only eight years old. At the age of

thirteen he began working in the tin and copper mines of his native place and he left England for America when twenty-two years of age.

Georgetown, Col., was his first objective point and there he engaged in mining and railroading until twenty-eight years of age, after which he went to Virginia City, Nev., and worked in the Beltshire Mine, doing the final sinking of the shaft which had a vertical depth of three thousand and ninety-five feet, and was at that time the deepest in the world. From that time on he has occupied the position of Superintendent or foreman wherever he has worked. He left Virginia City in 1879 and went to Sheep Ranch, Calaveras County, Cal., and was there engaged for some nine months in sinking a shaft for gold, after which he went to San Francisco and from there was sent by the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company to put a tunnel through the Cascade Mountain in British Columbia. He was there over a year and realized during that time $200 per month. This tunnel was then the longest in the world and on account of his skill, another tunnel which had been attempted was turned over into his hands and upon its completion he undertook a third.

Leaving British Columbia Mr. Bray returned to San Francisco and took a pleasure trip to England and to the Eastern and Southern States. At Birmingham, Ala., he visited the Iron Mines and from there went to Cleveland, where he was married December 5, 1883 to Miss Eliza J., daughter of Robert Vial, of that city. This lady was born in England in 1855. They took a trip to Alabama remaining there until June 1, 1884 at which time they made a visit to Michigan and about this time he was solicited to go both to Birmingham and to Canada and accepted the latter proposition. He now built several tunnels for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, clearing $10,000 and although he was liberal with his employes as will be seen by the fact that he paid his bookkeeper a bonus of $250 in addition to his salary.

During that season Mr. Bray and his men were snowed in all winter but carried their work on without cessation. He was urged to take contracts in both Australia and Peru, but declined both propositions. For some three years he carried on a hotel business at Millington, Tuscola County, and began business in the Jewell House in 1888 and as "mine host" is a very popular man, no one in the place being more thoroughly liked than he.

HON. CHARLES RICH. Although this gentleman has passed from the scenes of earth, he has left the memorial of a world made better by his life. The hardships of pioneer existence he bravely endured, conquering what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles and attaining prosperity by almost superhuman efforts. The record of his labors may well serve as an incentive to the young and as an encouragement to those who start out in the world with no capital save a willing disposition and a hopeful spirit. Referring to his family history we find that in 1785 Thomas Rich, grandfather of our subject, removed from Warwick, Mass., to the town of Shoreham, Addison County, Vt., and settled on the farm which has ever since been the home of some of his descendants. In his removal he was accompanied by Charles Rich, Sr., father of our subject, then a lad of fourteen years, afterward a member of Congress and a man of wide influence.

It was in Shoreham that our subject was born July 30, 1802, and there he passed his youth. The best opportunities for obtaining an education were given to him, and he was graduated from the military school of Capt. Partridge, of Norwich, Vt., in 1823. His marriage was celebrated in 1827, when Betsey Treadway, of Shoreham, became his wife. Buying a farm, Mr. Rich began to work for himself and devoted considerable attention to the breeding of merino sheep, receiving one-half of the flock left by his father. In 1836 he became desirous of trying his fortune in the newer portion of the country, and selling his farm and sheep, he removed with his wife and two children to Conneautville, Crawford County, Pa. There he engaged in merchandising which did not prove a financial success; he was so well and favorably known among the Whigs, to which party he adhered, that he received the nomination as member

of Congress, but was defeated at the polls with the other candidates of his party.

In 1847 Mr. Rich removed with his family to Elba, Lapeer County, this State, and commenced life anew in what was then an unbroken forest. It was at that time that the courage and sterling character of Mr. Rich and his estimable wife were put to the most severe test of their lives. Having moved West for the purpose of repairing their fortunes, they remained in Lapeer until a log house could be erected on the new farm. While still in Lapeer the whole family was taken violently ill with a fever then prevalent, and Mr. and Mrs. Rich were so low that their lives were despaired of, but both recovered to find themselves childless, their daughter of eighteen years, and son of sixteen, having succumbed to the terrible disease. Childless and greatly discouraged, they removed to their farm as soon as the house was completed, which was early in January, 1848. In 1851 a daughter was born to them and her bright face blessed their home until 1864 when her death, at the age of thirteen, again left them childless and well-nigh heart-broken.

During his first years here, there was at times, as in all other new countries, a scarcity of food, but although Mr. Rich was poor, no one was ever turned away by him when it was possible for him to aid them. While living in Elba, Mr. Rich held the office of Supervisor for three years. In 1856 he was elected County Clerk and Register of Deeds, removing upon his election to Lapeer where he remained until his death. Previous to his removal to Lapeer he was elected County Judge and held that position until it was abolished. In 1864 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Agriculture and proved a valuable aid to the infant Agricultural College. He afterward held the office of Probate Judge for two terms. His death occurred at his home July 16, 1872, his widow survived him twelve years.

In all his business relations Mr. Rich had the respect of those with whom he became acquainted. While he was a member of the Board of Supervisors the present town of Rich was organized and was named after him by the request of the people of the new town and the unanimous vote of his fellow members of the Board. In his social relations he was especially happy; while never demonstrative he made everyone feel welcome and there was no place where people found a more hearty welcome or unostentatious hospitality than with Uncle Charles or Aunt Betsey, as they were affectionately called by their many friends, regardless of relationship.

GILBERT BATES, deceased. This former resident of Hadley Township, Lapeer County, was born June 28, 1830, in Genesee County, N. Y., and came with his parents to Macomb County, Mich., when about ten years old. He there grew to mature years in New Haven Township and after studying in the common schools gained for himself a thorough and liberal education. When about twenty-one years old he came to Farmer's Creek and engaged in teaching which calling he followed successfully more or less during the next ten years.

It was in 1860 that this young man was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth J., daughter of Robert Davenport. About the year 1864 Mr. Bates was appointed to fill a vacancy as County Surveyor on account of the death of Mr. Hall, and this office he held until near the time of his death. In the meantime he was elected by the people of Hadley to fill the office of Supervisor and was the incumbent of that position for several terms. During the same period he served his township as School Inspector and his high intelligence and thorough education combined with his interest in the progress of the township, made him a most efficient and praiseworthy official.

Mr. Bates was universally esteemed as a man of public spirit and one whose integrity and probity were undoubted. He was public-spirited and one upon whom reliance could be placed at all times. He and his wife became the parents of four children, the eldest, Jennie E., is now the wife of Charles Johnson, and the three younger children are Margaretta, Elmer D., and Leroy.

Our subject was the son of Ezra and Margaret (Green) Bates, both natives of New York. He was an earnest and stanch Republican and it was upon that ticket that he had his election to all the offices which he held. He died in 1880 and his loss brought a sense of deep bereavement not only to his wife and children, but also to the whole community.

BENJAMIN F. JUDSON, a well-to do farmer residing on section 35, Mundy Township, Genesee County, is a son of the late George Judson, who was born in Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., November 7, 1810. His father, the grandfather of our subject, by name Silas B. Judson, was a native of Connecticut and born of English parents.

The parents of our subject were married in Genesee County, this State, and located in Mundy Township, where they cultivated an excellent farm and resided until their death, the father dying in 1874 and the mother March 29, of the same year. The maiden name of Mrs. Judson was Emily Skinner and her birth occurred June 11, 1812, in Detroit. The parental family included seven children, six sons and one daughter, of whom Benjamin F. was the fourth in order of birth.

Benjamin F. Judson was born in Mundy Township, Genesee County, April 2, 1845, and was reared to farm pursuits on the old homestead where he now makes his home. His parents were among the earliest settlers of Genesee County, the father having taken up land from the Government as early as 1834. He was a candidate for the Legislature but was defeated by the Republicans. He was Supervisor of his township for many years and all in all was a progressive and public-spirited man.

Our subject was married in Mundy Township, January 23, 1869, to Miss Mary E., daughter of Cyrus and Julia Ann (McGowan) Hewitt, the father born in New York State, March 27, 1808, and the mother in Jerusalem, N. Y., October 18, 1812. They were early settlers of Mundy Township, having come here as early as 1836. They made this their abiding place until their death, the mother passing away December 18, 1871, when in her fifty-ninth year, and the father dying December 11, 1890, aged eighty-three years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hewett consisted of four sons and two daughters, of whom Mrs. Judson was the fourth in order of birth, having been born in Mundy Township, March 14, 1847.

After the marriage of our subject he located upon the old homestead where he has since lived. He has become the parent of three children, Burton S., who was married September 29, 1891, to Miss Lottie F. Charters; Hewitt C. and John R. Mr. Judson has always followed farming pursuits, but has combined with that occupation the running of a gristmill, and in both has been very successful. His farm now numbers two hundred and five acres. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, although he reserves the right to vote for the candidate whom he considers will best fill the position. Our subject is a half-brother of William Ray, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this volume.

MRS. ELVIRA C. CHAPMAN. We here present a sketch of one of the prominent women of Millington Township, Tuscola County, who is active in all good works and who, with her sons, is carrying on an extensive and prosperous farm. She is a daughter of William Rice, who was born in Massachusetts, and early emigrated from the East to Ohio where he spent the remainder of his days, and where he carried on a prosperous farm. He was married after coming to Ohio, in Hicksville, to Ruth Edgerton, who, like himself, was a native of the old Bay State, and to them were granted six children, four daughters and two sons. These children were early left fatherless and their mother was a second time married. By her marriage with Mr. Thomas Rowan she was the mother of one daughter.

Elvira Rice was married in Ohio on the 30th of November, 1819, to William Richardson, and to

them were born the following children: Hiram, Ella M., George L., Sarah M., Cora J. and Chester V. Mr. Richardson, who was a man of exceptional character and proved a most kind and generous husband and father, was born March 20, 1824. He was reared in Ohio but as he lost his mother when quite young he was obliged to make his own way in the world. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson came to Tuscola County and settled on a farm of eighty acres, which is now in possession of our subject.

This noble lady made an offering upon her country's altar such as was made by many during the dark days of the Civil War. She sent her husband to the front, and he, like many of the best and bravest men of that day never returned to brighten his home. It was in 1862 that he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and he died in the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., in 1864. Mrs. Richardson was subsequently married to Mr. Simson Chapman, and to them was born one child to whom has been given the name of Inez E. The sons of this lady are truly helpful to her in the management of the farm and they work together in a harmonious family, their home being one of the pleasantest in Millington Township.

JOHN D. EGGLESTON. The prominent farmer whom we now present to our readers is residing on section 17, Flint Township, Genesee County. He was born in Champion, Jefferson County, N. Y., September 14, 1810. At the age of seven years he accompanied his parents to Yates, Orleans County, N. Y., where he grew to manhood and remained until the fall of 1836, at which time he came to Genesee County, Mich. Upon locating in the Wolverine State he made Flint Township his home and has been a resident here since that time.

January 10, 1836, John D. Eggleston was united in marriage to Miss Merilda Beecher, a native of Yates, Orleans County, N. Y., her birth having occurred there October 17, 1819. Our subject and his wife have been blessed with a family of eleven children, viz: Lyman, Martha, Mary, Chauncy, Sarah, Jasper, Merilda, Delora, Clarence, Anna and Etta. Merilda died when six years of age; Clarence passed away in infancy.

In politics the gentleman of whom this sketch is written is a stanch Democrat. In religious matters, he is liberal, giving both of his time and means in forwarding the good work in his community. The early experiences of our subject's family in their first years in this State are full of incidents of interest, and he might recount many tales of hardship and deprivation, but in their prosperity they do not forget their early struggles and deeply sympathize with those who are situated as they were and are ever ready to give a helping hand. His farm is embellished with all the buildings necessary for the carrying on of a first-class farm and is one of the most thoroughly cultivated tracts in Flint Township.

ALMON AND PHILIP SCHOCK, now residents of Metamora Township, Lapeer County, are the sons of Joseph and Malinda (Pearson) Schock, both natives of Pennsylvania in which State they were united in marriage and in which the father followed the occupation of a tiller of the soil, his home being at that time in Northampton County. His wife died in 1878 and he was again married. There were ten children born to the first wife, nine of whom are now living. In 1870 the family removed to Michigan and settled on two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 20 and 21, in Metamora Township. The following year they built an addition to their house having at that time two hundred acres under splendid cultivation. In 1884 Mr. Schock removed to Kansas and took up land in Butler County, which is now finely improved and consists of one hundred and sixty acres.

Almon Schock has had entire supervision of the home and farm since his father removed to Kan-

sas. The home property, however, is still undivided. Almon and his brother carry on a general farming business equally divided between grain and stock, which yields a liberal return for the labor expended upon it. Almon was born in Pennsylvania, January 13, 1853, where he received a limited district school education. He is fond of home and has always remained there. At the age of twenty-four he was married to Miss Ann E. Jones, who is a daughter of John Jones, of this township. She is a native of England, having been born there in 1852. She came to Michigan with her parents at an early age. Their hearthstone has not been cheered by the bright faces and happy voices of childhood as they have no children.

Philip Schock was born December 24, 1865, and his marriage to Miss Ledessie Etnire was celebrated in February, 1890. The bride is a daughter of Samuel Etnire, who is a resident of Butler County, Kan. Mrs. Schock was born December 4, 1871, in Indiana. Their home has been blessed by the advent of one child whom they have named Floyd. They are both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Schock brothers are both good Republicans in their political views, following the footsteps of their father, although not aspiring to political honors held many offices in the county, having been County Surveyor of Lapeer County for many years and is now holding the responsible position of Postmaster at Lorena, Kan. He is a well-educated man and began teaching school at the early age of nineteen years. He is a devoted and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church where he resides. The two sons of this worthy parent possess a good deal of their father's push and energy and work harmoniously together and are bound to make a success of life.

WILLIAM C. CAULTON, M. D., was born in County of Sahara, England, in 1823. He is a son of William and Sarah Caulton, the former of whom was born in Lincolnshire, England. The father was reared to farm pursuits and at the age of sixteen years emigrated to America in company with his parents. His father, grandfather of our subject, was a miller by trade, and a landowner.

After remaining in the United States a short time our subject's father returned to England with his family and engaged in the mercantile business in London and afterward in Hampshire. At the latter place he had met and married our subject's mother, Miss Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Jemima Caston, and later located at Egham where many years before the Magna Charta had been signed. He continued in business at that place until 1830 when two years later he decided to again come to America, and located at Guelph, Wellington County, Canada. He engaged in farming pursuits on coming to the New World, and died in Canada in 1842.

Our subject was the second in order of birth of the six children born to his parents, and with his brother Frederick G., who is a physician in Canada, is the only one living. Our subject started out to do for himself at the age of twenty-one years, but for several years previous to that time he and his older brother had had the care of the family and their invalid father. When leaving home our subject engaged in teaching school, at the same time improving a small farm. He followed the combined occupations of pedagogue and farmer for ten years, and in 1856 began the study of medicine, still being engaged in teaching, until 1861, when he was graduated from the New York Homœpathic Medical College.

After receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine our subject began the practice of medicine at St. Mary's, Ontario, Canada, where he remained for three years when he removed to Guelph and in 1866 gave up his practice to take the position of Principal of the Woodstock School of Canada. He did not again resume his practice until his removal to Michigan, in 1872, and since that time has resided in Fremont Township, Tuscola County, the same spot on which he first made his home. He was a successful practitioner for ten years in Michigan, but is now living a retired life, enjoying the rest which he has so well earned.

Dr. Caulton was married in 1845, to Mary

Schermerhorn, and to them have been born three daughters—Ann who is the wife of the Hon. E. G. Fox; Mary A., wife of A. H. Badwell of Canada and Emma who died when twenty-two months old. Dr. Caulton is well known throughout Tuscola County and is highly esteemed by all who come in contact with him as being a thorough and cultured gentleman.

JOHN KINNEY. There is probably no man more truly and justly respected by the community in general in Watertown Township, Tuscola County, than he whose name we have just given. He has always stood for the right in every line of thought and his kindly interest in his neighborhood has deservedly gained the good will of all, and his upright dealings has commanded their respect. He is at present residing on his pleasant farm on section 16.

Our subject is a native of Canada, having been born there January 17, 1839. His parents were Amos S. and Matilda (Waddell) Kinney, of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Kinney was reared in Canada and when seventeen years of age he accompanied his parents to Michigan and has since made Watertown Township his home. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-eight years of age and when leaving home was given forty acres of land by his father.

John Kinney established a domestic hearthstone of his own April 5, 1866, at which time he was married to Mary C. Fratick, also a native of Canada, where her birth occurred September 24, 1849. Her parents were Barney and Rebecca (Finch) Fratrick, natives of Canada. Their family included one son and three daughters. The mother died when Mrs. Kinney was but four years of age and her father was again married to Esther Husted by whom he became the father of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. Mr. Fratick came to the Wolverine State in 1860 and is now residing on a farm in Watertown Township, Tuscola County.

To our subject and his wife have come a family of eight children, namely: William A., Arthur U., Orpha O., John, Ernest R., Milo E., Ray, who is deceased; and Elinor M. Mr. Kinney is the possessor of a beautiful tract of two hundred and forty acres which is under most thorough cultivation. He has been a hard worker and has aided in clearing the most of his property. It is made more valuable by the erection thereon of suitable and substantial farm buildings and everything about the place is in first-class condition, thus showing the enterprise and industry of its owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney are active and influential members of the Methodist Church. In politics our subject is and always has been a stanch Republican. He has been honored by his fellowtownsmen with the office of Township Clerk which he held acceptably for six years. His interest in educational matters placed him on the School Board where he did efficient work for many years. He has been Class-Leader and Steward of his Church and is interested in all measures that tend toward the upbuilding of the community.

ROBERT DAVENPORT, deceased, was born in Monroe, Orange County, N. Y., February 28, 1808, where he grew to manhood. At the age of sixteen years he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade at Cornwall on the Hudson, working at that occupation for three years when he became his own master and followed blacksmithing until 1835.

Our subject was married in the year above-mentioned to Miss Margaret, daughter of William and Betsey (Grady) Earl, and the succeeding year came to Michigan and "took up" quite a tract of land for himself and brothers. The country was then in a wild state and he was compelled to employ Indian guides to locate his land. He returned to New York in the spring of 1837 and brought his wife and daughter, Elizabeth J., who is now the widow of Gilbert Bates, to Lapeer County and located on his farm in the wilderness.

The nearest market for our subject after coming to Lapeer County, was Auburn, at least twenty-five

miles distant, and thither he hauled his grain and brought back with him provisions for the family. He carried on blacksmithing together with his farm operations and was very successful in all his undertakings. Mr. Davenport was one of the voters at the first town meeting held at Hadley, being one of fourteen who voted on that occasion. In politics he was an old-line Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks and was always ready to vote for any measure that would be for the best interests of the community in which he resided.

The parents of our subject were Jesse and Elinor (Sluyter) Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davenport became the parents of six children, of whom we record the following: Elizabeth J., Louisa, Hannah, who became the wife of Joseph W. Pierson, of Hadley; Sarah M., who became the wife of James B. Clark, of Elba Township; Ella, who married G. S. Hemingway; Permelia who died in infancy. The gentleman of whom we write passed from this life in 1885 in Hadley and his good wife followed him to the better land in January of the same year.

EUGENE GOODRICH. We have here one of the representative citizens belonging to one of the enterprising pioneer families of Goodrich. His native home was in Atlas Township, Genesee County, and he was born January 26, 1842. His parents, Moses and Hannah (Anderson) Goodrich, were natives of New York, and of English origin. The Goodrich family can be traced back to the "Mayflower" and Plymouth Rock. The father of our subject was born in 1802 and in the fall of 1835, left his native State, New York, and accompanied by his brother, the Hon. Enos Goodrich, came to Genesee County, Mich., and became purchasers of one thousand acres of land which they obtained of the Government and which they subsequently apportioned among the members of the family.

Moses Goodrich had lost his first wife before coming West and in the spring of 1836 he sent for his son and daughter to join him in the new home. He settled on section 29, Atlas Township, and having cleared up the farm went to work to develop and cultivate it. He cheerfully underwent the usual hardships of pioneer life. The following winter he returned East, and on his journey back to Michigan, which took thirteen days in a sleigh drawn by oxen, he was accompanied by his brother Levi Goodrich.

The father of our subject was twice married and three of his children now survive, namely: George, Eugene and Nelson. He was one of the first to serve as Highway Commissioner of Atlas Township, and was a sturdy pioneer and a great worker. In his political views he was a Democrat and was active in promoting the best interests of the county. In his death which took place, September 10, 1887 this section of Michigan sustained a real loss.

Eugene Goodrich had his early training in Atlas Township and from early youth has been engaged in farming. He did much severe pioneer work. He received a common-school education which prepared him for the thorough course of reading which he has kept up all through his career. He was married September 22, 1865 to Rosa Mills, who became the mother of five children, namely: Edward, Florence E., Rosa (deceased), J. Archer and Frederick. The mother of these children was called from earth's activities in 1874.

The present Mrs. Goodrich who became the wife of our subject, December 22, 1875, bore the maiden name of Julia Maish. She was born in Lexington, Ky., October 12, 1841, and is a daughter of Frederick and Sarah A. (Dedrick) Maish. Her father was a native of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and the mother was born in Utica, N. Y. She was early orphaned by the death of her father and when nine years old she came with her mother and other members of the family to Michigan and for a number of years resided in Oakland County.

The Democratic party has in its principles and policy always commanded the respect and adherance of Mr. Goodrich. He owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty-two acres of land which is among the best in Atlas Township. His thorough

integrity and ability have secured for him the esteem and confidence of the business community, and in social life he and his good wife are active and honored. In seeking for a name for the now thriving and busy village of Goodrich, the family of our subject was not overlooked, and indeed it may be truly said that its members were the founders of that place.

WILLIAM J. SPEER, whose fine estate is located on section 30, Montrose Township, Genesee County, was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, February 19, 1844. That continued to be his home until December, 1869, when he came to Genesee County and settled on section 30 of this township. His early training was taken upon a farm in Ohio, and while living there he pursued agriculture, but since coming to Michigan he has followed lumbering to some extent, but has never given up farming. He bought sixty-nine acres of wild land, and besides his Montrose property owns forty acres in Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County. Upon his home farm he has erected excellent buildings, which are truly an ornament to the township, and are most comfortable and commodious for his family and farm operations.

Mr. Speer was married in Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, this State, June 16, 1874, to Miss Alida Reed, who was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., and was three years old when her parents brought her to Michigan. She is now the mother of two children: Helena M. and James E.

For five years Mr. Speer has held the office of Supervisor of his township and has been Treasurer for two years. He has been Census Enumerator of Montrose Township for the tenth and eleventh census, and has taken an active part in political affairs, being a stanch Republican.

Our subject enlisted in the spring of 1864 in Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Ohio Infantry for one hundred days' service and was in the battle of Monocacy, in July, 1864. He has taken an active part in religious work and is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, and has served that body as Class-Leader, Steward and Trustee, and has been made delegate to the General Conference and other important religious gatherings.

Robert W. Speer, the father of our subject, was united in marriage with Sarah Jamison, who died in the spring of 1882. The father still lives in Muskingum County, Ohio, on the farm on which W. J. Speer was born; he is eighty-five years old and a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. The father of Mrs. William J. Speer was William H. Reed, and her mother was known in maidenhood as Jane Chamberlin. She died in Montrose Township, October 21, 1891, and her father lives in Owosso with his son Charles Reed. Mrs. Speer is a lady of more than ordinary ability, culture and amiability, and makes a delightful home for her family. The farm has upon it excellent buildings and everything is kept in such order as to show plainly the hand of a genuine systematic farmer.

JOHN SHERIDAN, whose pleasant home is in Thetford Township, Genesee County, is a native son of Michigan as he was born in East Saginaw, August 3, 1851, and is a son of Michael and Margaret (Gilmore) Sheridan. His parents were both born and reared in Ireland and his father was by occupation a farmer. The son had no educational advantages other than those received in the common district school, but he availed himself so well of these as to give himself a good preparation for the active duties of life.

It was in 1857 that the father of our subject came to Genesee County and located in the township where his son now resides. John remained at home assisting his parents and devoting his energies to the development of the farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when he began for himself as a farmer in this township.

The marriage of our subject which took place February 25, 1873, united him with Wealthy Andrews, who was born in Canton Township, Wayne

County. Three children came to brighten their home, Jennie, who was born December 9, 1874; Jessie, born August 19, 1876, and Mark, January 19, 1878. They are all living and are bright and active young people perfecting themselves in their education and taking a part in the social life of the neighborhood.

The eighty-acre farm which Mr. Sheridan operates, belongs to his wife, and about half is under the plow. Farming and stock-raising have been his occupations through life and in them he has been successful. His political opinions have led him to embrace the doctrines of the Democratic party and to interest himself in its success, and his fellow-citizens have placed him in the office of School Director, which position he has held for six years, and for three years he has been Moderator of the School Board. Our subject is a member of the Alliance and belongs to the Patrons of Industry. Throughout his life he has taken more than an ordinary interest in school matters and is always ready to devote time and energy to developing the schools of the township, and making them what they should be. He and his family are highly esteemed by their neighbors and his reputation for integrity and fair dealing gives him a genuine popularity.

GEORGE S. HEMINGWAY is a farmer of Hadley Township, Lapeer County. He was born in this township, where he still resides, his natal day being December 29, 1843. He was the third in order of birth in a family of six children born to George F. and Sarah A. (Flint) Hemingway, who were natives of Steuben County, N. Y. Our subject's father was one of the sturdy long-lived race and his father, James Hemingway, who was a native of New York, came to Michigan in 1837, and located in the township wherein our subject now lives. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church and preached the first sermon ever delivered in what is now Hadley Township. The edifice in which the sermon was preached is now an old barn on the farm owned by Frank Hadley on section 11.

James Hemingway was engaged in ministerial work from the time he was thirty years of age until he was ninety, preaching his last sermon on his ninetieth birthday. Our subject's father was a wagon-maker by trade, although he afterward became a carpenter. He then took up the study of law and began to practice his profession. He was sent to the Legislature from Midland County, this State, and was afterward elected Prosecuting Attorney of the same county where he now resides.

George Hemingway grew to manhood in the county where he now lives, and on the breaking out of the war, in May, 1861, he enlisted in Battery A, First Michigan Light Artillery, and served for three years. He first went to West Virginia and took part in many battles. He was present at the engagements at Elk Water, at Rich Mountain and in numerous encounters. He was then transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, and in that division participated in the battles of Stone River, Perryville, Chickamauga and Resaca, besides various minor engagements. After a service which was prolonged three years, he returned home and has been actively engaged in farming ever since. He is the owner of one hundred and forty acres of good land which yields him a good income.

Our subject was married, December 25, 1866, to Mary E., daughter of Robert Davenport. From this marriage five children have been born, four girls and one boy. Their names are: Delia, Earl, Ada, Mabel and Ella. Politically Mr. Hemingway is a Prohibitionist, while in their religious preference the family are members of the Baptist Church.

JOHN McKERCHER. Retired from active business, our subject is at present County Superintendent of the Poor. He is also Secretary of the School Board, having occupied that position for three years. Mr. McKercher was born in Livingston County, N. Y., January 14, 1840, and is the son of Daniel and Florence (McCandlish) McKercher, the father being a farmer.

When four years old our subject was brought

to Flint by his parents, the senior Mr. McKercher having located one hundred and sixty acres of land southwest of the city of Flint. The land was in its primitive state, there not even being roads cut through, and our subject well remembers the trying times of that period. The father remained on this place for thirty years; the mother died when our subject was twelve years old. Daniel McKercher was Clerk of Flint Township and was respected wherever known.

Our subject was given the advantages of a very good education which, with the training he received on the farm, enabled him to make a good start for himself. He apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and was very successful in his work in this county. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War Mr. McKercher enlisted in Company B, First Michigan Engineers, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, but afterward was changed to the Army of the Tennessee. He saw much active fighting, having participated in the battles of LaVergne, Tenn., Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and many others, and after a brave and loyal service of three years was discharged.

After his return from the army Mr. McKercher again located in Flint and followed his trade a few years, when he entered the carpenter department of the Deaf Institution, remaining there for a term. In 1883 he opened a general merchandise store in New Lothrop, Shiawassee County, conducting the same for two years, when he again returned to Flint and engaged in the same business for two years more. Our subject was then elected City Treasurer, and having a good opportunity to dispose of his business he did so and served his city two terms in the above-named office, giving satisfaction to all. Previous to this time he acted as Supervisor of his ward for two years. Socially he is identified with Genesee Commandery, K. T., No. 15, is the present Master of Flint Lodge, No. 23, High Priest of Washington Chapter, No. 15, and Thrice Illustrious Master of Flint Council, No. 56.

John McKercher was married, January 11, 1867, to Miss Matilda E., daughter of the Hon. R. P. Atkin. Mrs. McKercher was born in Flint Township December 21, 1847. They have become the parents of one child, a daughter, Grace I. Both our subject and his wife are prominent members of the Episcopal Church and are most highly respected residents of Flint.

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